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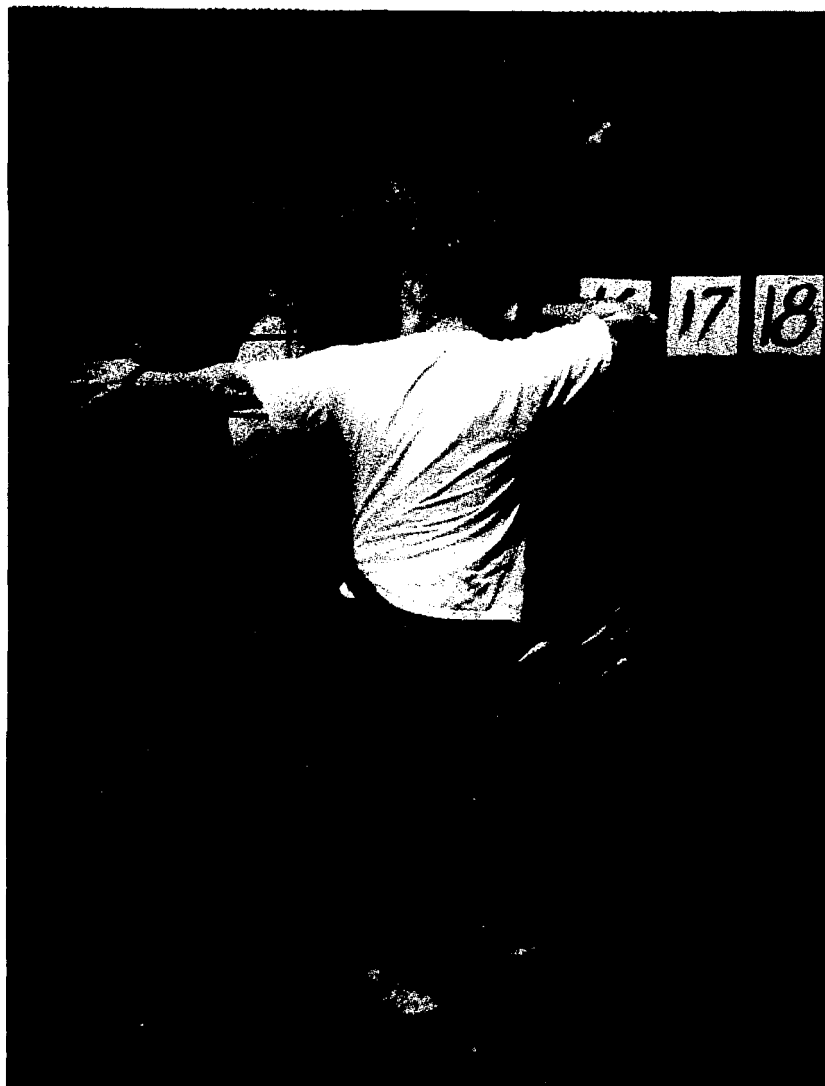
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Archers gather at local club for a day of fun & competition



The Bears Bowmen Archery Club hosted a "Fun Shoot" on Sunday, March 26, giving area archers the chance to practice, compete against fellow shooters, and enjoy their sport in a friendly environment. The Bears Bowmen Archery Club's indoor range, located at Hanson Hills, offers a unique opportunity to archers, as it includes 3-D targets, including a few targets that move. For more on the event, see Page 1B.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Briney v. Road Commission – the end may be in sight

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Legal counsel will go head to head again on April 7 in what may be the closing chapter in the case of James Briney v. Road Commission for Crawford County.

Briney worked as the Managing Director of the Road Commission from September 19, 1994 until his dismissal by its Board on May 28, 1998. Road Board members at that time were Raymond Swiercz, Robert Nelson and William Gannon. Swiercz and Nelson voted in favor of Briney's removal.

Briney's attorney, Cynthia Fitzgerald, said her client agreed to settlement language under the Workers' Compensation Statute MCL418.101, and the sum of \$140,000 on March 10.

On March 23, attorney Karl J. Butterer Jr., representing the Road Commission's insurance company (Cambridge Integrated Services Group), drafted his clients' final settlement agreement and sent it to

Fitzgerald.

The agreement includes \$112,500 as "full and final settlement and redemption of Briney's Workers' Disability Compensation Claim" -- \$100,000 would go to Briney and \$12,500 would go to Fitzgerald. An additional \$27,500 would also be given to Fitzgerald to cover attorney fees and costs Briney incurred in the litigation.

Fitzgerald said the amount of the settlement and the method of payment were agreed upon on March 10, but "the defendant is now demanding provisions that are unacceptable."

Butterer's agreement is intended to stop any future lawsuits resulting from actions by the Road Commission, or any actions by Swiercz and Nelson -- past, present or in the future.

"They are asking that Sandy (Briney's wife) and Jim never be allowed to sue Bob Nelson or Ray Swiercz ever again," Fitzgerald said. "That means they couldn't file

a claim to counter any suits Nelson or Swiercz may bring against them in the future."

The Road Commission is asking Briney to release and waive any claim that the Commission is obligated to purchase any Municipal Employees' Retirement System service credit on his behalf.

The defense's settlement also includes the statement that the settlement does not constitute an admission of guilt. Swiercz and Nelson continue to claim no responsibility regarding how "Briney's employment by the Board of County Road Commissioners of Crawford County caused, contributed to, aggravated or exacerbated Briney's physical or mental condition as alleged in the litigation."

Fitzgerald has cited disagreements between Briney and the Road Board caused "depression and an exacerbation of pre-existing asthmatic condition" as diagnosed by a

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Carlisle Paddles shares its reasons for opposing interchange proposal

► North Down/I-75

project committee will invite planners to the next meeting

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Carlisle Paddles Inc., located on the north side of North Down River Road near the North Down/I-75 interchange, opposes the construction of a four-way exchange at the location.

"I just don't think there's a need for more ramps here," said Ralph Stevens, Carlisle President. "I can't see for the life of me what it'll do for the community."

Stevens said he is against the pro-

posed interchange "for several reasons." He doesn't feel the full interchange will help the community enough to justify the huge cost of the project, and a study hasn't been done to show the potential effects of the interchange, he noted.

"We don't support it, until someone shows how it will be good for the community. So many roads around here could be made more passable with the money," Stevens said. "I have no idea why everybody wants it."

Carlisle Paddles rests on land that would be used in constructing the proposed four-way North Down/I-75 interchange. Stevens noted that at some level, someone involved in the construction would have to pay fair market value for the site, in

addition to covering work interruption costs.

"The cost of replacing us would be enormous," he said.

Carlisle Paddles of Grayling currently employs 41 people, and the business is growing.

Carlisle Sales Manager Greg Gundersman said the company only had 18 employees three years ago, and has grown to its current level in that short amount of time. Stevens projected the company would grow by another 30 employees over the course of the next three years.

If the proposed full I-75 interchange at North Down is constructed, those jobs may be in jeopardy, they said.

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Public hearings may help decide fate of industrial park expansion

by Eric Lacy
Capital News Service

Lansing – Over 1,850 acres of state-owned land could be available for industrial development under an agreement between Grayling Township officials and the Department of Natural Resources.

The proposal went before the state Natural Resources Commission in March and will be discussed in public meetings April 13 and 14 in Port Huron.

"This is a good way for government at the state and local level to limit growth and development to one area," said Gerald Thiede, of

the department's office of field studies in Lansing. "This proposal wouldn't let growth go everywhere, but just certain points where state land is located."

All the land is located all in Grayling Township, where Interstate 75 and US-27 meet, in an area that would benefit prospective businesses and is currently managed for wildlife, he said.

"This proposal is going to mean a great deal to the future of this area," said Terry Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor. "The problem we face is that 70 percent of land in this area is owned by state

and federal government."

Rezoning would not be a problem for Grayling Township since officials have already zoned the land for industrial and commercial use.

For a developer to purchase state land, a business plan is required as well as local and state approval.

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Motel manager found guilty of embezzlement

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A former manager of the Super 8 Motel, adjacent to Charlie's Country Corners, was found guilty on March 28 of embezzling more than \$2,000 from her employer.

Marian Sue Stuart-Bollinger, 48, of Mancelona worked for motel owner Charles Fick for about six years. She quit her job in July 1998 after an investigation into missing funds was initiated by the Michigan State Police.

The jury listened to testimony by several witnesses including motel employees and Fick himself regarding the theft of money in small increments through the use of creative, but illegal bookkeeping.

It took the jury nearly seven hours in deliberation to find Stuart-Bollinger guilty of the felony. She is currently free on a \$10,000 cash or surety bond until sentencing. That date has yet to be determined.

City Council OK's new sidewalk plans

► City's sidewalk and street program for this year also includes repaving

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling's 2000 sidewalk and street program plans were unanimously approved by the City Council last week, authorizing the city's consulting engineer firm, Richards and Associates, to proceed with the project.

The city's 2000 sidewalk program includes filling in many areas within the city that don't currently have sidewalks, City Manager Allen Lowe said. A few areas without side-

walks in the city will not have walks installed due to right of ways that are too narrow, Lowe added.

Areas that will receive sidewalks include: Michigan Avenue from North Down River Road to the existing sidewalk near Mercy Hospital, a portion of North Down River Road across the street from Elmwood Cemetery, the north section of Fulton up and east through Knight Street, M-72 East from the stop light at James Street east to Brink, and several other small sections within the city.

Lowe and Leonard Graf of Richards and Associates reported that installing sidewalks at the south side of Grayling will be put on hold

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Mercy looks for help with late Medicaid payments

On March 2, a delegation from Mercy Grayling met with State Senator George A. McManus Jr., District 36, from Traverse City. Sen. McManus is a member of the Appropriations Committee whose responsibility includes determination of Medicaid spending.

At the meeting, Mercy representatives brought forth several concerns:

- Persistent problems that Mercy Hospital and physicians have had with untimely payment of medical bills;
- Gross underfunding of the Medicaid program;
- Access barriers to local health care.

Over 2,000 individuals in Crawford County are Medicaid eligible. Adequate and timely payment is necessary for the hospital and physicians to continue

providing health care services to those individuals. Access to health care providers who will accept patients paid through Medicaid will be threatened if these issues are not resolved.

McManus was congratulated on his vote in favor of legislation, Senate Bill 938, which requires health plans to make timely payments for health care services. This bill should help to alleviate some late payment problems.

Mercy representatives at the meeting included board member Paul Lerg, auxiliary Ken Eldridge, Executive Director of Mercy's Physician Hospital Organization Vic Sztengel, and CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak.

Mercy encourages those concerned about the future of health care services provided through Medicaid to contact their state senators and representatives.

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Springtime weather brings activity to city park

Some young boys from Mancelona were joined by local boys late last week and gave the merry-go-round in the City Park a boisterous early spring workout. March 30 was a beautiful sunshiny and breezy day... perfect for an afternoon in the park. After a lovely weekend, the weather turned colder. Winds increased, clouds rolled in and snow flurries flew. But, the weatherman says temperatures will slowly rise again this week and April showers are on the way. That should be a relief to fire fighters as dry conditions have caused the forest fire danger rating to climb to "high" in recent days.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Carlisle Paddles opposes interchange proposal

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Carlisle Paddles is a large corporation, with 20 locations worldwide, and if the Grayling plant had to move, the decision of where to relocate would most likely not be made at the local level, Stevens said.

Stevens said if it were his choice, he would move a little further north, possibly to Frederic, to be nearer to Gaylord, where the Grayling plant gets many of its paddle parts. (The Grayling location finishes the assembly of paddles and distributes them.)

The decision, though, will probably be made at the corporate level, and will most likely result in the Grayling plant moving out of state, Stevens said.

"We might be forced to do something we don't want to do," he said.

Stevens and Gunderman mentioned the lack of space for development at North Down, and questioned how a full interchange could help the local economy with so little land to work with at the location.

The south side of North Down near the I-75 interchange is mainly residential and riverfront property. Stevens noted, and along the north side there's Jack Millikin Inc. the transfer station, and the Transportation Authority building, not leaving much space. The interchange itself would take up a sizable piece of land.

"There's nothing really available," Stevens said.

Gunderman said he would like to see the Grayling area grow, especially with regard to industrial development, but agreed with

Stevens that the Four Mile Road area was a more logical location.

Representatives of local governments and organizations gathered for another public meeting at the Road Commission last Thursday to discuss the idea of contracting a study for the North Down/I-75 project in order to examine economic impacts and changes in traffic flow.

It is unknown how much such a study will cost, but the range of \$30,000 to \$50,000 was estimated. No source of funding has yet been determined for the study.

At the meeting, Gunderman spoke on behalf of Carlisle, noting that 41 jobs could be affected, and perhaps spending \$50,000 on a study isn't necessary due to lack of positive purpose with regard to the potential interchange project.

After discussing the matter of the impact study, the committee decided to invite a few planners to the next meeting to get their input on what a study would cost and what it should include.

A meeting was set for Thursday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m. at the Road Commission.

Public hearings may help decide fate of industrial park expansion

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This is a built-in safeguard for local control of development and growth.

Businesses with over 100 employees have shown past interest in purchasing state land, but development in the area will be a long process, according to Wright.

"Over the past 15 years, different state agencies were given over 7,000 acres of private land," Wright said. "We just want them to make a smaller portion of that available."

The cost of land for sale has not been determined, but the majority of land sales in the state are done by appraisals through state departments.

With a railroad line right through the property, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce believes the area has the services necessary for growth.

"The biggest advantage to having a proposal like this is that it would provide a better economic job base for the community," said executive director Lynn Porritt-McConnell. "The majority of our work force is in service-related jobs."

McConnell said Ilene Geiss-Wilson, executive director of the Grayling Area Visitors Council, recently returned from a tourism-related conference. She brought back to the Chamber the advice from experts that no community, that strives to be economically healthy, should continue to depend on tourism dollars for their main source of jobs and revenue.

The Chamber director also voiced her concerns about how Crawford County seems to be losing out on so many opportunities for new, higher paying jobs, as well as commercial development. She pointed out most new businesses are building either north of Grayling in Otsego County, or to the south in Roscommon and Ogemaw Counties.

Cheryl Ruley, Staff Writer for the Crawford County Avalanche also contributed to this story.

Correction

In the article "Gentlemen, start your pine cars!" appearing in the March 23 edition of the *Avalanche*, the Cub Scout Pack was misidentified. The Pack's number is 3993. We regret the error.

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doctor at Burns Clinic. Briney also suffered panic attacks and difficulty sleeping because of the disagreements.

As the work relationship between Briney, Swiercz and Nelson continued to deteriorate, Briney's condition also deteriorated. He was diagnosed as having a physical manifestation of depressive-related symptomatology including further aggravating his underlying asthmatic condition.

Fitzgerald said her client remains under treatment for episodic depression, anxiety and depression.

In her response to Butterer, Fitzgerald advised the Road Commission the release language needed to be modified "to provide for a mutuality of release of any and

all claims of all parties." She included Sandra Briney, Nelson and Swiercz.

Swiercz and Nelson had agreed to mutual release between Briney and the Road Commission, but they have refused to provide mutuality between Briney and themselves.

Briney offered a compromise to release Nelson and Swiercz in exchange for settlement language allowing himself to pursue any and all claims he may have against Nelson and/or Swiercz in the event either one of them brought a lawsuit against him.

Briney's wife agreed to the settlement and release of liability so long as she and her husband would be allowed to pursue any and all counter claims they may have if Nelson or Swiercz sue them in the

future.

The defense has refused to modify the settlement agreement and release of liability. "We have offered them one reasonable offer after another," Fitzgerald said. "The attorneys and the insurance company are forcing us to take this to trial."

Briney has lost April trial court dates set aside for his case because the case was considered by the court as "settled" on March 23. Therefore, Fitzgerald has filed a Motion of Entry of Judgement with 46th Circuit Trial Court and is requesting the court enter an order compelling Swiercz and Nelson to settle with the original agreement.

The motion will come before the Honorable Judge Dennis Murphy at 4:15 p.m. on April 7.

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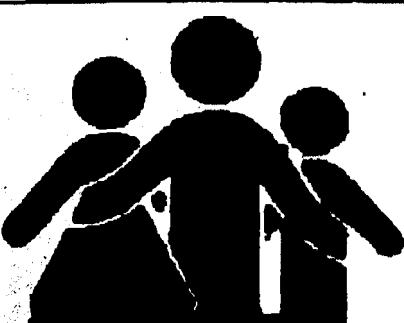
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Local diabetic attends Washington rally



Photos courtesy of Kathleen Armstrong

IN GOOD COMPANY - Grayling resident William Armstrong met many people at the ADA Rally for a Cure who share his disease and want to help raise funding for diabetes research. One of them was 13-year old Claire Rosenfeld, American Diabetes Association National Youth Advocate.

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Eighteen-year-old diabetes sufferer William Armstrong and his mother, Kathleen, were just two of over 1,500 concerned citizens who traveled to Washington, D.C. last month in order to participate in the American Diabetes Association (ADA) Rally for a Cure.

Among those attending the rally were hundreds of children, 1999 Miss America Nicole Johnson and Olympic gold medal swimmer Gary Hall Jr. Many members of both the U.S. House and Senate were also on hand. The rally was the largest gathering ever of young Americans with diabetes.

While in Washington, the Armstrongs took in all the sites and met many people who also suffer from diabetes. They are part of a network of "diabetes advocates" for the ADA.

Before leaving for our nation's capitol, Armstrong managed to collect 3,000 signatures on petitions supporting more federal funding for diabetes research and an eventual cure. For his efforts, Armstrong was honored with the ADA's Pinnacle Award.

Nation wide, a total of 3.2 million signatures were collected in support of 100% federal funding, which will cost \$1 billion this year at the National Institute of Health.

Diabetes is a deadly disease, killing one American every three minutes. About 16 million Americans have the disease and nearly 200,000 die because of it. According to the ADA, four times more people die from diabetes than AIDS and breast cancer combined. The U.S. government spends six times more research money on those two diseases than on finding a cure for diabetes.

While the ADA recognizes the need for research of other diseases, Association Chairman of the Board Ed Hawthorne said, "For some reason, diabetes is not taken seriously. It's time our elected leaders paid attention to diabetes and the need to fund a cure."

According to the ADA, diabetes is an incurable set of serious diseases

that affects the body's ability to produce or respond to insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. It is the country's sixth deadliest disease and leads to heart attacks, strokes, kidney failure, blindness and amputations.

The Armstrongs both agreed they had a wonderful time while in Washington, D.C. They have brought home many memories and the determination to start a



RUBBING ELBOWS - U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham (R-Michigan) and other Washington dignitaries met with ralliers on Capitol Hill, including Christopher David (left) and William Armstrong (right) to discuss their personal stories of living with diabetes and the toll it takes on their families.

local ADA "Walk In Our Shoes" fund raiser in the near future.

Kathleen will be looking for help to organize and hold a Grayling area "Walk" as soon as she gets more information from ADA. Anyone wishing to help out or walk in the fund raiser may contact her at (517) 348-4762.

The American Diabetes Association is leading the fight to find a cure for diabetes. In the last five years, the ADA has recruited 75,000 diabetes advocates, improved health insurance coverage, reduced discrimination and increased government funding for research. For more information, call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit ADA's advocacy web site at www.diabetes.org/advocacy.

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Help beautify the community with the help from 'Joey Appleseed'

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Beaver Creek Township resident Joe Huszarik likes to refer to himself as "Joey Appleseed" and lives up to that name by distributing free seed packets to help increase the beauty of communities.

For six years Huszarik has been the self-appointed local representative of the America the Beautiful Fund. Even though the flower and vegetable seed packets are free, Huszarik hopes recipients will make a donation to the Fund to keep the program growing.

A retired biology teacher, Huszarik has a special interest in nature and making things grow. So,

he decided to get involved with a program that not only educates students but also adds color and beauty to their surroundings.

Over the years, Huszarik has given seed packets to school children, senior centers, churches, organizations and businesses. He also distributes them to interested individuals who want to beautify their yards or grow their own vegetables. Seed packets have been given to folks in Grayling, Roscommon, St. Helen, Houghton Lake, Mio and West Branch.

"Joey Appleseed" seems to be most proud of how he has touched the lives of young people with his love of horticulture. Seeds from his

supply have made it as far away as Savage, Minnesota where third grade students planted them and watched them grow. Then, they wrote letters to Huszarik to express their gratitude and report how their plantings were faring. "The letters brought tears to my eyes. They really enjoyed the experience and wanted to share it with me," he said.

If he hasn't received them already, Huszarik is expecting a shipment of 6,000 packets of seeds and would like to hear from those interested in receiving some of the supply. Huszarik may be contacted at (517) 821-5794.

Huszarik said the average donation for the seeds range from \$5 to \$10, but any contribution is appreciated.

Donations to help keep the fund growing may be given to Huszarik,

but he said he would prefer donations were made to:

America the Beautiful Fund
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Grayling Twp. hosts traffic access management seminar

A comprehensive seminar discussing the need and methods of developing traffic access management plans will be held in the Grayling Township Hall conference room on Monday, April 24, from the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tom Doyle, a planner for the Michigan Department of Transportation, and Mark Wyckoff of the Lansing-based Planning and Zoning Center, will be the seminar leaders.

Both men are experts in the field of managing roads and traffic within a community developmental plan. Wyckoff recently developed and wrote a master plan for the City of Grayling and Grayling Township.

This seminar will be of interest to all persons involved in community planning, including planning commission members, zoning board

members, township and city board members, developers, civic planning organizations, business organizations, recreational planners, and industrial, commercial and residential developers.

The cost of the seminar is \$5 to cover lunch expenses. Registration can be made by contacting Grayling Township at (517) 348-4361. Checks should be made payable to Grayling Township and mailed to P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

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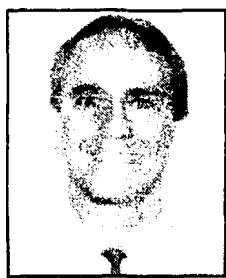
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ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Go Green! MSU deserves title of champions

Was there a household in Michigan which was not tuned in to the NCAA basketball finals on Monday, April 3?

Probably. There was pro wrestling on, too.

For all of us long-suffering Spartan fans, the Monday night victory was sweet. So sweet.

And let's not be greedy. It was only 1979 -- a mere 21 years ago -- when the Spartans were last crowned College Basketball's National Champion. Compare that to the last time that title was earned by so many other institutes of higher learning, and we Spartan fans seem awful greedy.

We are not Kentucky, not North Carolina, not UCLA. Not yet, anyway.

It seems like only yesterday that we were cheering for Special K and Magic Johnson to bring home the hardware. And with the strong supporting cast playing for the Spartans that year -- including Jay Vincent, Terry Donnelly, Bobo Charles, Mike Birkovich, et al., the trophy came home to Jenison Field House as the Spartans won the national title over Larry Bird's Indiana State team.

And compared to teams like Wisconsin or

Florida, two of the other Final Four contestants this year who claim one National hoops title between them, winning one back in '79 is like only yesterday.

But remember, we are Michigan State fans. We are used to being the underdog. We are used to being the second team in the state of Michigan. And we are used to disappointments.

Since 1979, we have had our share of let-downs. We have lived through the Kevin Willis years, and the Scott Skiles years. There were the Steve Smith years, the Fire and Ice years with Shawn Respert and Eric Snow. We have missed out with big men like Mike Peplowski and Jamie Feick and with little men like Sam Vincent. Some good players, some great. But never quite enough to bring home another national championship.

There were heartbreaks. The first round loss to Weber State. The controversial loss as time ran out to Kansas that kept Scott Skiles from his final four. The overtime loss to Georgia Tech that kept Steve Smith from his.

In between the Spartan championships, there have been some mediocre teams in

East Lansing, while there have been some very good teams in Ann Arbor.

The entire state watched in 1989 as Rumeal Robinson sank two free throws to give the Wolverines a National Championship.

Then came the Feb 5. While reviews were mixed on attitude, academics and off the court behavior, they did play some pretty good college basketball, making it to the national championship game two years in a row.

Like good fans of good basketball, many of us Spartans cheered for the Wolverines as they chased title dreams. After, of course, the Spartans season was finished.

And that's the way it should be. We should be proud and supportive of the teams from our state as they chase dreams. Their success should make all of us proud. And whether it is Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Ferris State University, or Wolverines or Spartans, we should applaud these fine young student athletes as they achieve athletic success.

Unless, of course, your team is playing my team. Then, all bets are off.

Since the Magic years in East Lansing,

there have been changes. Rebuilding. Both on the court and to the court itself. The hoops program moved from the classic old barn that is Jenison Fieldhouse to the shining new Breslin Center across the road.

Crusty old Jud Heathcote gave way to his long time assistant Tom Izzo. And, I may add, the transition was smoother than occurred in Ann Arbor.

No MSU coach was fired with his team on the way to the National title. No coach was fired amid allegations of corruption in his program. No, the Spartans simply moved from the good old coach to his assistant. In doing, so, they discovered the nation's best coach.

Coach Izzo built a winning team. He is also building a winning program. The players who come to East Lansing must buy into his system. It is all about hard work, defense, team efforts. It has no room for individual statistics or egos.

Maybe, in a few years, the Spartan program will be looked at in the same way as the North Carolina, Kentucky, maybe even the Duke programs are. Those are the best programs in the nation, always in contention, always turning our winners.

Or, it could be that these past two Spartan seasons have been for nothing more than one shining moment. Maybe Coach Izzo will head for the pros. Maybe the next crop of young superstars heading for State will stay one year, maybe two, and bolt for the NBA, too. Maybe the emphasis on team will turn off too many young prima donnas who are only interested in their own statistics.

Anything could happen in the future.

So today, let's salute the Spartans and their National Championship. Let's be proud of what they stand for, and how they played. Let's all revel in their success and be glad that the good guys from our great state of Michigan came out on top.

And let's hope the success continues for a long, long time.

Go Green!

Richard Milliman is on vacation. His column is being written in his absence by Dirk Milliman, president of Milliman Communications, which publishes newspapers in Albion, Grayling Marshall and Three Rivers.

EDITOR

Our children deserve better

Dear citizens,

I implore you to address the needs of children and education. The children of our communities are not getting the education they should be guaranteed.

State wide, families and school districts are faced with hardships and difficult choices as a result of underfunding schools. This "now you see it, now you don't" funding method of Mr. Engler's has to cease. (Surplus monies are there -- use them for what they were intended -- educating our children!)

Proper funding includes -- safe buses, building maintenance, equal per pupil funding, and not forcing school districts to take legal action to obtain funding they were legally entitled. (Perhaps Mr. Engler should attempt his highly touted HSPT/Math Test as his addition is sadly lacking.)

As citizens and voters, we have the power to tell our legislators what the Fall 2000 agenda will be ... and it had better be children and proper

funding. Make it clearly understood, we are tired of their foot-dragging and rhetoric.

It is my understanding, the Internet is a powerful tool. Those of you with access, please show your strength and support with a simple message -- KIDS FIRST/FUND SCHOOLS! Those without, a simple postcard will express your views.

If the governor and politicians offices are inundated with such information they will have to address this issue. The rosy picture Mr. Engler paints is but an illusion. Michigan's children are not faring well. He may, call himself the "Education Governor" but what remains to be seen is if he acts like one.

If you share my views, I'd appreciate your support and commends. Perhaps through grassroots means we can make a difference.

Our children deserve better!

Sue Misenheimer
Farwell

April 3-9 marks National Public Health Week

From childhood immunizations to breast and cervical cancer control programs, from maternal and infant support services to well and septic inspections and permits, county health departments are often called the front-line of Michigan's health care delivery system.

The services provided by local public health departments are geared toward keeping people well through the promotion of health and the prevention of diseases and injuries.

The week of April 3-9 has been designated nationally as Public Health Week. The theme of this event is "Healthy People in Healthy Communities!"

Public health is the least understood component of our comprehensive and complex health care system, and yet one of the most important.

To many, "public health" is just the medical care provided to the poor at public health clinics. Public health programs are actually responsible for the major increases in life span that developed countries have achieved. We enjoy additional years of life because the public health system has been working to control contagious diseases, improved sanitation, and assured

safe water supplies and food purity.

In addition, health promotion programs are designed to address the insurgence of chronic diseases which currently make up seven of the top ten leading causes of death in the United States and are directly related to lifestyle choices.

Services provided by the District Health Department #10 include communicable disease identification and control, childhood immunizations, prenatal health assistance, maternal and infant support services, Children's Special Health Care Services, lead poisoning prevention and investigation, school hearing and vision screening, influenza and pneumonia immunizations, scoliosis screening, blood pressure screening, sexually transmitted disease control, HIV/AIDS prevention and advocacy, HIV Counseling and Testing, food service inspection and licensing, well and septic permits, rabies control, water quality management and education indoor air quality management, public swimming pool inspections, shelter management, environmental health community planning, campground inspections, Women, Infant and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC), public education, pre-mari-

tal education classes, worksite and community health promotion programs, heart health screening and prevention programs, tobacco education and control, and community health assessment and planning.

Public Health Week is a chance for us to increase awareness of the public health programs at the state and local levels. I urge everyone to take advantage of this unique opportunity to make public health "public."

The Mission of District Health Department #10 is to promote and enhance the health of all individuals through education, prevention, intervention and protection of the environment. Please join in recognizing the successes of public health in striving for "Healthy People in Healthy Communities."

Public Health questions or concerns may be addressed to the Crawford County office at 348-7800.

Michael Skoog
Health Officer
District Health Department #10

Road workers contract made possible by efforts of many

To the editor,

The formal signing of the contract between the Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners and the members of Teamsters Local 214 union employees was signed March 30, 2000.

Through much effort between the current Road Commissioners, union employees, Donald Babcock, "Butch" Carmien, Crawford County Board of Commissioners and citizen support, a very workable contract is now in place.

Steve Moore
Jon McLeod
Union Stewards

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

'Vicious dogs' cause problems

To the editor,

What will it take before the children of Red Tailed Hawk Loop will be safe to ride their bikes and play in our neighborhood without being terrorized by vicious dogs roaming our block? There is one dog in particular (Tank).

There have been several complaints to the owner, and several tickets issued by the Sheriff's Department to the owner, still to no avail.

Tank still remains unchained, waiting for our children to get off the school bus, chasing them and nipping at their pant legs. Still, nothing is done to protect our chil-

dren from this dog.

The Sheriff's Department states that according to the law, nothing can be done until one of our children are bitten, mauled or killed.

What are we supposed to do as honest law-abiding citizens, to protect our children in their own backyard?

I know I speak for every parent out there. Our children should not have to be prisoners in their own homes because one person has no respect for his neighbors, or the law concerning confining vicious dogs.

We will protect our children.
Michael Shaw
Grayling

Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

MDA recognizes Grayling area

To the editor,

My Irish eyes are smiling because Grayling has done it again! Thousands of area residents -- when they patronized their favorite convenience stores, supermarkets, restaurants and other retail businesses -- brought the luck of the Irish to families affected by muscle-wasting diseases.

By purchasing and signing the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy mobiles, they turned these high-traffic venues green with good fortune for St. Patrick's Day.

These caring customers, and all the service personnel who added humanitarian value to cash register transactions by asking patrons, "Would you like to buy a Shamrock to help families served by the Muscular Dystrophy Association," Grayling made an incredible contribution to the 17th annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign.

I'm sure that St. Patrick is as grateful as are the million Americans served by MDA for the \$9 million that Shamrocks raised nationally this year.

This sharing of the green has helped speed MDA-funded

research at the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Michigan State University and around the globe.

Moreover, this pot-o-gold is helping maintain the national network of 230 MDA clinics.

The services of these hospital-affiliated clinics, along with MDA research, resulted in MDA becoming the first organization honored by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity."

In Michigan, MDA has eight clinics, including the MDA clinic at Mary Free Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids.

By taking part in Shamrocks and other local MDA events *Crawford County Avalanche* readers continue to make a huge difference for families throughout Michigan and across the nation.

Maureen McGovern
National Vice President
and Shamrocks Chairperson
Muscular Dystrophy Association

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BRIEFS

Auxiliary hosts all-you-can-eat fish fry

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will host an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Wednesday, April 19, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Eagles Hall on Huron St. (M-72 East). The Auxiliary will be serving Alaskan Pollack, homemade bread, coleslaw, potato wedges and/or french fries and assorted desserts. A four piece chicken dinner will also be available. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids, and those under five years old eat free. Dine in, or carry out by calling 348-5287.

Free medical screenings offered

Mercy Hospital Grayling will provide free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings on Tuesday, April 11, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Gallery of the hospital. For more information, call Teresa Money at 348-0433 or Tara Weaver at 348-0708, Volunteer Services. Free screenings are offered the second Tuesday of each month.

Land conservancy group to meet in Mio

The Headwaters Land Conservancy will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on April 13 in the former library building, now the MSU Extension, adjacent to the Courthouse Annex in Mio, one block east of the blinker light at the intersection of M-33 and M-72. The Conservancy assists landowners in preparing conservation easements and other forms of land-protection plans and can help landowners determine the future of their property. For more information, call (517) 826-5714.

Craft show and bake sale planned

A craft show and bake sale, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, will be held at the Grayling Post on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 348-1369 or 348-7277.

Spaghetti dinner planned for Animal Shelter Project

Because of the generosity of Kathy Bourrie and her staff at the Grayling Restaurant, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Project Fund will get a much-needed boost.

Grayling Restaurant will host a spaghetti dinner on Thursday, April 20, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., with all proceeds going to the animal shelter's Project Fund, earmarked to cover building costs for a new animal shelter.

The present shelter, staffed by volunteer director Dixie Lobsinger and several volunteer assistants, takes in lost and homeless dogs and cats. But the property must be vacated as soon as possible, requiring a move to another location.

The Department of Natural Resources recently deeded a five-acre section of land near the Crawford County Fairgrounds to

Grayling Township to be used for a new shelter.

With the property issue settled, the shelter's volunteer Board of Directors must raise up to \$250,000 to build a new facility that meets both state standards and the needs of the animals and citizens of Crawford County. The spaghetti dinner is one step toward reaching that financial goal.

Tickets for the dinner -- at \$5 each -- are available at Grayling Restaurant, Spike's Keg O'Nails, Grayling Township, Milltown Groomer, Grayling Hospital for Animals and from any project fund member.

Join the staff of Grayling Restaurant, the volunteers from the Animal Shelter and your friends and family for a great meal and a chance to help make the new animal shelter a reality.

Wood carvers show their stuff

The North Woods Carving Club will host the "Art of the Carver" wood carving show April 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the commons area of Gaylord High School.

The show is an exhibition, competition and sale of fine wood carvings and wood burnings of artists from all over Michigan.

There will be door prizes given away each hour. Admission is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door for adults; \$1 for students. Children

under the age of six get in free. Advanced tickets are available at Glen's Market in Gaylord or at Saturn Books in downtown Gaylord.

A portion of the proceeds will go to fund a scholarship for a 2000 graduating senior of Gaylord High School. There will also be a sale of Christmas tree ornaments with all proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society's transportation service in Gaylord, one of only two in the country.

Girl Scouts parlez vous



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT CELEBRATION - Junior Girl Scout Troop 1056 participated in the Girl Scout "Thinking Day" project. Various troops from Grayling participated in the International Night. Each troop represented a different country. Troop 1056 represented France with their various costumes. From left to right - Kelly Lange, Danielle Williams, Mallory Johnson, Rachel Potter, Monica Leslie, Abby Wheeler, Angela Bickmann, Brittany Danner, Danielle Lighthall.

Disaster training offered by Red Cross in Grayling

If you have a few extra hours and are looking for an exciting, rewarding way to spend them, the American Red Cross has a great opportunity for you.

The Northern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking individuals to become volunteers for Disaster Services. Local volunteers will assist families and individuals in case of emergency situations, such as natural disaster, fire and man-made disaster.

Orientation and Introduction to Disaster will be held Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Introduction to Disaster is a pre-requisite to other disaster training. Additional training classes are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 18, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m., Damage Assessment
- Thursday, April 20, 6 p.m. - 10

- p.m., Mass Care Overview
- Tuesday, April 25, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m., Shelter Operations
- Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Emergency Assistance to Families I

The classes will be held at the Grayling Red Cross office, located at 2370 S. Business Loop I-75. All disaster training courses are free of charge, all are welcome to attend.

For registration, information or financial donations to the Red Cross, please call the Grayling office, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at (517) 348-9745 or the Gaylord office at (517) 732-7161 or 1-800-691-6059.

Please consider giving a small amount of your time to others when they need it the most. At some time, we all need the Red Cross. With your help, "We'll Be There."

Cub Scouts begin annual food drive for Help Center

Cub Scouts members of Pack 3993 will be distributing plastic bags this Saturday, April 8 to homes in the city of Grayling.

The scouts would like the community's cooperation in filling those bags with non-perishable foods like canned goods and then placing them back on their porches for pick up on Saturday, April 15.

All the food collected during this annual food drive will be taken to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center for distribution to those in need.

Any donation, small or large, will be appreciated.

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Thursday - 6:30 pm
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The Bible Speaks

Double Standards

When liberal political candidates visited the rabidly anti-Semitic Rev. Louis Farrakhan for political support there was no media outcry toward the candidates because of Farrakhan's blatant racism. When Rev. Al Sharpton became the center of a political debate in the Apollo Theater in Harlem between liberal candidates there was no mention of racism. Liberals can raise money in Buddhist temples, be publicly endorsed by liberal clergy, and claim no wrong.

But, when a conservative candidate visited Bob Jones University there were public charges by the Rev. Jesse Jackson that one of the candidates is "immoral" for supporting a racist institution. The Rev. Terry Dickinson wrote publicly in the *Crawford County Avalanche* 2/24/2000, implying he might not vote for that candidate "because it appears that his victory was handed to him by the extreme right Christian coalition."

It means nothing to liberals that Allan Keyes (a black Roman Catholic) was also invited and did speak at Bob Jones University. There was no mention that dating is forbidden at BJU between the sexes without chaperones regardless of race or any other factors. So BJU's attempt to limit student pregnancy by demanding moral purity is being publicly branded as radical racism and bigotry. In fact, the word "bigot" has become a pre-

fix to the use of the word "Christian" in liberal circles.

This is not just a Fundamentalist Christian problem. When the Vatican announced a papal visit to India, Hindu leaders demanded that the Pope publicly disavow that Jesus is the only means of salvation. When the Southern Baptists published prayer guides for the conversion of Hindus and Muslims in this country, Hindus warned of a "holy war."

Pluralism, a direct result of Christian principles, no longer includes Christians in America. We are being forced into public neutrality. The gospel of Jesus Christ is no longer being tolerated because it offends some people. Some big modern churches even discourage their worshippers from bringing their Bibles to church lest they offend visitors. (At Calvary Baptist Church of Grayling we offer free KJV Bibles in our pews so all visitors will feel welcome. That includes people of all races and all other distinctions.)

It is one purpose of this column to illustrate how God's Holy Scriptures are still relevant and still hold the answers to all contemporary problems. We do not blame God, or the Bible, or faithful Christians for the moral problems of America. We blame Satan, Sin, and Selfishness. We call all sinners to faith in Jesus Christ and repentance from sin. As

the apostle Paul said, (Acts 20: 20,21) "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house. Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul teaches us: (2 Tim. 4:2-4) "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

"Pastor "B" Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Missionaries to conduct renewal sessions

Final preparations are under way for the parish mission and renewal, which will take place from April 9-12 at St. Mary Cathedral.

Evening sessions will be held at 7 p.m. and are open to the general public. This event will be conducted by Father Arthur Cooney and Father Michael Zuelke, both of whom are Capuchin-Franciscans.

Fr. Art Cooney has conducted the Isaiah Ministries Mission extensively in North and Central America. Speaking in English and Spanish, he ministers inner healing at retreats, missions, and prayer groups.

A gentle, light-hearted man who uses stories and humor to communicate his message, Fr. Cooney ministers with love and warmth. He is a member of the Association of Christian Therapists and the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He

presently lives in Saginaw.

Fr. Michael Zuelke is home based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is a member of the Capuchin-Franciscan Mission Team. Fr. Zuelke began his preaching ministry in 1973, and has conducted over 250 weeks of parish renewal missions, as well as numerous retreats for laity, religious and priests. He has traveled throughout the United States, preaching on such topics as evangelization, sacraments, beatitudes, healing and the Paschal Mystery.

A mission is an important time in the life of a parish and a community. It calls all members, regardless of age, to an awareness of God's action in our lives and our response, those searching for God, those who

are hurting, as well as those of us who are sinners and seek God's forgiveness. It calls us to "come aside and rest awhile."

There will be no parish meetings or activities during the days of the mission. Members of other denominations are invited to join the congregation of St. Mary Cathedral in Grayling for the mission sessions. Childcare will be provided in the parish hall during the evening services. In addition to preaching at all Saturday and Sunday Liturgies, evening sessions will be as follows:

- April 9 - "God's Love"
- April 10 - "God's Forgiveness"
- April 11 - "God's Healing"
- April 12 - "New Life" Celebration of Eucharist, Mission Closing

Benefit concert planned

A jazz trombone concert will be held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Friday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m., to help financially support Timothy William Febey in his two month Christian mission to Fortaleza, Brazil.

Performing will be Tim "Juan Tizol" Febey on the trombone, Dave

"Charlie Christian" Matthews on guitar, and Darren "Sonny Greer" Matthews on drums.

Everyone is welcome to attend this evening of Ellington jazz and spirituals. The concert is free, however donations toward Febey's missionary work would be greatly appreciated.

Church Directory



A Fresh Coat of Paint

For three generations, the third house to the left on Elm Street gleamed with white paint and erect shutters. Every spring, it was sold, and as time passed, the gleam dulled. After two winters, chips of paint fell to the ground with the snow flakes and the shutters sagged at awkward angles like broken arms. Decay gnawed away at the naked boards. This place that had been a home for so many, a lighthouse when life's storms raged, deserved a second chance.

The following spring, it happened. Ladders and cans of paint dotted the lawn of the third house to the left on Elm Street. Soon, old boards again gleamed with white paint and erect shutters were as green as the grass. It had received a fresh coat of paint...a second chance.

Perhaps life has left you spiritually neglected...dull and lifeless. Visit God's house. With each Sabbath, your spirit will shine more brightly for God's your second chance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Philippians 1:12-30	Philippians 2:1-11	Philippians 2:12-30	Philippians 3:1-11	Philippians 3:12-21	Philippians 4:1-9	Philippians 4:10-23

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Sunday Radio Ministry... 8 am, 101.1 WQON
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Phone 348-4033

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Church Service... 9:30 am
Sabbath School... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School... 9:30 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament... 10 am
Sunday School... 11 am
Primary... 11 am
Priesthood... 12 noon
Relief Society... 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor James Briney
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75

Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224

Sunday School... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
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Church School... 9:45 am
Preaching... 11 am
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Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
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New Life Ministries
Pastor Jimmie McWatters
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Sunday Services... 11:00 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West

Sunday School... 9:45 am
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Orthopedic surgeon joins Grayling Mercy staff



Dr. Frederick Rau

Mercy Hospital Grayling has welcomed Frederick D. Rau, M.D. to its medical staff. Dr. Rau is a board certified Orthopedic Surgeon who has joined the practice of N'Orthopedics. Although Dr. Rau will be active in Gaylord, his primary location will be Grayling.

Dr. Rau's practice will focus on orthopedic injuries and surgery of children and adults. Some common procedures are: arthritis surgery, total joint replacement of the hip, knee and shoulder; arthroscopic surgeries of the knee, shoulder, ankle and elbow joints; surgery for hand conditions such as carpal tunnel syndrome, trigger finger and

other tendon procedures. He has a special interest in foot and ankle reconstructions including bunion, hammertoes and arthritis problems in the feet.

Dr. Rau joins Mercy from the South Bend Clinic in South Bend, Indiana. He is a native of Michigan and grew up in Detroit. He completed medical school and his orthopedic residency at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Dr. Rau and his wife, Ann, said they are thrilled with the opportuni-

ty to live in northern Michigan. "N'Orthopedics is an excellent and highly respected orthopedic medical group that I am very proud to join. We have been able to feel very welcomed by everyone we have met in the community," stated Dr. Rau.

Dr. Rau and his wife have three children. Sarah (age seven), Stephen (age 10), and Benjamin (age 14). Family interests include hunting, fishing, skiing, golf and they are investigating kayaking.

Local chiropractor attends continuing education seminar

Dr. Craig Denholm of Grayling recently attended a Michigan Chiropractic Society (MCS) continuing education seminar in Lansing.

The Seminar featured Dr. Barry Wiese, a Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician who presented the most up-to-date information on chiropractic treatment of athletes and sports injuries.

Dr. Denholm, a member of the Michigan Chiropractic Society, is committed to keeping informed of advances in the profession. "It is important for chiropractic physicians to continue their education throughout their careers," said Dr. Denholm. "My goal is to take advantage of these educational

opportunities in order to benefit my patients and further my professional knowledge."

Now, more than ever, people are aware of the many benefits of chiropractic care, especially the advantages it offers for athletes. It has been proven to be a safe and effective health care option and a vital component in alleviating back and neck pain, which often results from sports injuries. Chiropractic has also been associated with increased productivity and quality of life.

The MCS offers high quality educational programs throughout the year to ensure that chiropractors maintain their professional excellence.

River House receives grant from Community Foundation

River House Shelter, serving Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon Counties, recently received a \$500 grant from the North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) Crawford County General Fund toward the construction of a new shelter/transitional housing unit with office space within.

The proposed shelter will have six bedrooms and three bathrooms with office space to house 19 employees. The transitional housing consists of

six or eight - two and three bedroom units. The entire project cost is in the \$1,000,000 range.

River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services has kicked off this capital campaign by selling T-shirts and address labels to the public. Anyone interested in purchasing these items or learning how to become involved with the building project or working to combat domestic violence and sexual assault, please contact River House Shelter at (517) 348-3169.

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In order to help kids' creativity shine and give them a leg up on success, Flo's Hallmark Shop in Grayling and Crayola® products have teamed up to present two special events in April just for kids: the "Kids Card Contest" and "Creative Kids Day." Both events encourage the artistic expression and unbridled creativity that is so important in children's development.

"We believe it's important to recognize that children's participation in art and other creative activities helps benefit them in a number of ways like promoting self-esteem and encouraging self-expression," says Stacey Lamb, Hallmark greeting card senior designer. "That's why we're so excited about supporting programs like the 'Kids Card Contest' and 'Creative Kids Day.'"

The Hallmark and Crayola® products used for the Kids Card Contest -- now in its third year -- encourages kids ages five to 14 to create and submit their versions of the perfect birthday card. Twelve cards judged as the most creative, colorful, and original will be reproduced and sold nationwide at Hallmark Gold Crown Stores later in the summer.

include designing cards, decorating paper crowns fit for royalty, sculpting a masterpiece, cutting and coloring their own whimsical creations, and much more.

Starting with "Creative Kids Day" and running through April 23, Creative Kids Packs will be given away free with the purchase of three Hallmark greeting cards. The pack (\$7.50 retail value) is full of surprises with everything from Crayola® Model Magic modeling compound to a color-your-own puzzle.

To learn more about ways to help your child reach his or her full potential through participation in art activities, visit www.crayola.com.

Malm promoted to GM



Dave Malm

The Weyerhaeuser Oriented Strand Board Mill in Grayling announced this week that Dave Malm has accepted the role of General Manager.

The Grayling operation, Weyerhaeuser's first OSB mill, employs 170 people and is now one of the 10 OSB mills operated in the United States and Canada by Weyerhaeuser.

Malm joined Weyerhaeuser in 1982 in Grayling and has held various leadership positions at the mill including his most recent position as the Operations Manager.

The previous General Manager, Phil Dennett, has accepted the role of Eastern OSB Business Manufacturing Manager. In his new role, Dennett will support the Weyerhaeuser OSB business in both the Eastern U.S. and Eastern Canada and will focus on continued performance improvements in the OSB manufacturing operations.

Dennett will continue to live in Grayling and work out of the Grayling mill.

Community Calendar debuts on WGRY

**by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer**

A new voice hit the WGRY airways April 3, bringing to Crawford County listeners their very own Community Calendar of events.

The inviting voice of Tim Zigila (accented by "groovy," attention-getting background music) will announce the list of community activities four times a day during weekday broadcasts.

The format of the calendar will be similar to that of Roscommon's, informing the public of planned activities by civic groups and organizations.

Zigila is the Deputy Director of

the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. He said he hopes that organizations in all communities within the county will contact him to be part of the calendar.

"This is a Crawford County Community Calendar," Zigila said. "We want to hear from people in Lovells, Frederic, South Branch, Maple Forest, Beaver Creek as well as those in the Grayling area."

To have an activity announced, contact Zigila by calling 348-2921, or drop it by the Chamber office on James Street. Deadline for announcements is Monday at noon the week before the date of the activity.

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KCC expansion dedication and open house set for April 13

Kirtland Community College invites area residents to join in a dedication ceremony and Campus Open House on Thursday, April 13, from 3 - 8 p.m. The brief dedication ceremony from 3 - 3:20 p.m. will take place in front of the Student Center and celebrates the completion of the College's \$7.2 million building expansion program.

Kirtland President Charles N. Rorie, Ph.D., and Board of Trustees Chairman Ken Roberts will welcome visitors and officially dedicate the new structures which provide more than 50,000 square feet of new classroom and laboratory space for students. The Grayling High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Dennis Ormsbee will help welcome visitors and refreshments and other entertainment will also be available in the Student Center.

"Building tours, presentations, demonstrations, and class activities will be going on in almost every department on campus," says Jerry Werle, Kirtland Public Relations Director.

"For example you might be able to enjoy a manicure in Cosmetology, a look at the new art department studios, enjoy a mini-massage, visit the new plant maintenance facilities, the Art Gallery, CAD labs, the new Health Occupations classrooms and laboratories, the future quarters of the Criminal Justice program and Regional Police Academy, the Automotive Technology Department, and much more.

"We'll have guides on hand and shuttle buses will be running if folks would like to tour the campus in groups, or if they wish, they can

wander here and there on their own. If you haven't been to the campus in a long time, or if it's your first visit, I'm sure you're going to enjoy what you see."

Werle said the Board of Trustees also holds its regular meeting on Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m. and Open House visitors are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the board room in the President's Office in the Administration Building.

In a letter of invitation to community leaders, legislators, students, parents, members of the news media and others, Dr. Rorie

said, "This is our chance to say 'Thank You' to the thousands of citizens in our district who supported the 1995 bond issue making it possible for the College to construct these greatly needed additions to the campus."

The three construction projects in the College's building expansion program include

1) a two-story, addition to the Academic Building providing two classrooms, three science laboratories, a nursing lab, allied health lab and departmental office space;

2) construction of a new Maintenance/Art Building to house

all the College's physical plant equipment and operations, all the Art Department programs, and the College Print Shop;

3) a lower-level renovation and a two-story addition to the Administration Building to house the Criminal Justice/Police Academy, four classrooms, a testing center, and space for developmental studies.

Werle suggested that since the 3 p.m. ceremony will be in front of the Student Center, that visitors use the F-97 (St. Helen Road) entrances to the campus and park in the parking lots near the Center.

Charms of the South featured in travel presentation

On Thursday evening, April 13, the Travel and Adventure Series will present its fifth program of the Travel and Adventure Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

One of the joys of today's modern South is the "Old South," the South of mansions and magnolias, gardens, plantations and gracious living is still there, lovingly kept alive or carefully rebuilt through more than a century of change.

It all springs to life as host Phil Slayton takes the audience on a romantic journey through the Old South, an adventure into the past with the perspective of today.

The adventure begins with a visit to Washington, D.C. at her springtime best. Cherry blossoms, dogwood, rebud decorate the magnificent vistas of a great capital city. See Arlington and the home of Robert E. Lee. Visit Mount Vernon

and spend an evening at the Lincoln Memorial. Then, on to the Blue Ridge and hilltop Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson.

In Williamsburg, Virginia houses are perfectly restored after decades of inspired work. A dozen craft shops are living museums where 18th century shoes are still made, and fine musical instruments are created.

The Great Smoky Mountains are alive with spring flowers. In Asheville, North Carolina, enjoy a foot-stomping evening of bluegrass music at Bill Stanley's Barbecue.

Charleston, South Carolina has regained its elegance of long ago. Enjoy a carriage ride through the historic district. Encounter the "Catfish Row" of *Porgy and Bess* fame. Then on to a visit to Boone Hall which served as "Tara" in the movie *Gone With the Wind*.

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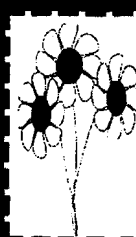
Okefenokee Swamp. In New Orleans, board the Delta Queen for a cruise up the Mississippi and a tour of the great houses of the region like Houmas House, Nottoway Plantation, Rosedown and D'everaux.

From Natchez to Vicksburg to New Orleans and the exciting French Quarter where the sounds of jazz and the smell of Creole and Cajun cooking keep visitors awake while visiting Louisiana.

Tickets for *Charms of the South* are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens and are available at the Community Education Box Office at Grayling High School or by calling 348-7641, ext 120.

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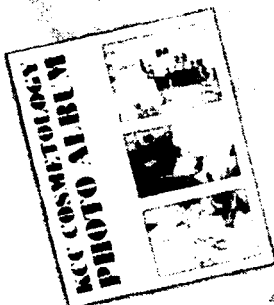
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HOMETOWN NEWS

Eric and Lesa Liddy of Redford are the proud parents of twin boys. On March 23, 2000, Daniel Jacob Liddy and Derrick Joseph Liddy were born at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy. The boys were born during an emergency C-section after Lesa suffered complications.

The saga started nearly eight weeks ago when the twins' older sister Lynn, who is mentally challenged, called 911 when Lesa felt labor pains weeks earlier than expected.

Her call most likely saved her mother's life, as well as that of her baby brothers. Lynn's heroic efforts were featured in a story on Fox News Detroit's 10 O'Clock News.

During all the excitement created by the call to 911, older brothers Michael, 8, and David, 9, took care of one-year old Brendan.

Lesa was hospitalized for six weeks before Daniel and Derrick were born at about 31 weeks gestation. The boys, who weighed just over 3 lbs. each, will remain in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the hospital for about one month while their tiny lungs mature.

Grandparents of the twins are Don and Marilyn Ginther of Grayling and Thomas and Cindy Russette of Canton Township.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following 58 complaints were handled by the Grayling Police Department from March 26 through April 1:

One false alarm, one animal control, one assault, five assists to other departments, three city ordinance violations, two civil complaints, five juvenile complaints, seven larcenies, one malicious destruction of property, two motorist assists;

Five suspicious situations, one private property accident, two traffic accidents, six civil infraction citations, two misdemeanor citations, two traffic control complaints and 12 miscellaneous complaint.

In addition, 12 traffic warnings were given.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following 91 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of March 27 - April 2:

Six driving violations/DWLS, four delinquent minors, one runaway, 29 general non-criminal, 10 traffic accidents (nine car-deer), two traffic violations/civil infractions, two vehicle inspections, six civil matter disputes/family trouble, one suspicious situation, one lost and found property, one CSC/sexual assault, four assault/intimidation/stalking, two assault and battery/simple assault, two larceny, one larceny from building, one fraudulent activity, one property damage, one bribery, three public peace/disorderly, 12 health and safety (all animal control), one conservation.

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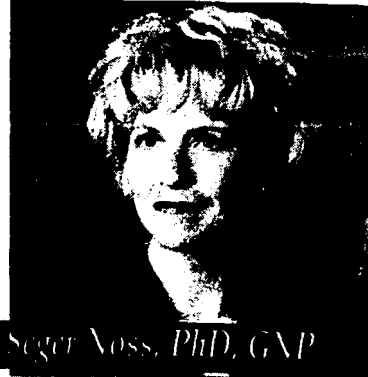
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'Celebrate Volunteers' during Volunteer Week

The contributions of volunteers and volunteer efforts will be recognized in communities throughout the country during National Volunteer Week, April 9 - 15. This year's theme, "Celebrate Volunteers!" sets the stage for the Points of Light Foundation, its partners in the national network of Volunteer Centers, and Foundation members to applaud the efforts of volunteers and plan special events and service projects to commemorate the annual week-long event.

The Points of Light Foundation and the national network of Volunteer Centers sponsor National Volunteer Week.

Volunteer Centers, businesses and corporations, and other local organizations use National Volunteer Week as an opportunity to thank those who make outstanding contributions to their communities as volunteers throughout the year. It is also a good time to remind people about the importance of volunteering and making volunteer service a regular part of their lives.

"America was built on the spirit of volunteerism. Without the efforts of

millions of volunteers who give their time to help others in their communities, our country would be a different place," said Robert K. Goodwin, president and CEO of the Points of Light Foundation.

Goodwin noted that volunteer community service is everyone's responsibility and each of us can make a difference. "Saying 'I must do something' will always solve more problems than simply saying 'something must be done,'" he added.

President Richard Nixon established National Volunteer Week in 1974 as an annual celebration of volunteerism. Every succeeding President has signed a Presidential Proclamation support the Week and promoting volunteer efforts.

Recent surveys underscore the importance of citizen involvement. A 1999 Independent Sector survey found that more than 109 million adults now volunteer, contributing some 20 billion hours worth an estimated \$225 billion.

National Volunteer Week is a good time for anyone who has not been involved to get connected to

the many volunteer opportunities available. Getting started is easy. To learn where volunteers are needed in your community, call 1-800-VOL-UNTER, provided by the Points of Light Foundation and the national network of Volunteer Centers.

In addition to local events, national recognition ceremonies are planned for the Week. The President's Service Awards, the highest honor given for volunteering by the President of the United States, are traditionally presented at the White House during this time.

USA WEEKEND devotes its entire issue to volunteerism on the Sunday of National Volunteer Week. Winning projects from *Make A Difference Day* are spotlighted with awards for those projects presented at special ceremonies during the week. *Make A Difference Day*, the nation's largest day of volunteering, is held on the fourth Saturday in October. USA WEEKEND and the Points of Light Foundation are sponsors.

Two national events aimed at connecting young people to service projects in their communities are held

during National Volunteer Week. National Youth Service Day, spearheaded by Youth Service America, takes place April 14-15, and volunteers will be participating in Nickelodeon's annual "The Big Help" throughout the week.

The Points of Light Foundation, established in May 1990, is a non-profit nonpartisan organization dedicated to engaging more people more effectively in volunteer service to help solve serious social problems.

The Foundation works in partnership with the national network of Volunteer Centers, the country's primary local leadership and resource organizations for volunteering, as well as local and national businesses and corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies.

For more information visit the Foundation's Web site at www.PointsOfLight.org.



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Amicare Hospice honors its volunteers

National Volunteer Week is April 9 - 15. Mercy Amicare Hospice Services would like to honor the special gift received from our dedicated volunteers.

This year's theme is "Touching Lives, Lifting Spirits." That is what the volunteers do, touch the lives and lift the spirits of those they help. These individuals give of themselves. They generously donate their time to help families through a most difficult time of their lives when they are dealing with life threatening illnesses and are also there when families are grieving from their losses.

Volunteers are very special members of the Mercy Amicare Hospice Interdisciplinary Team, and complement the services of this team. The team consists of doctors, nurses, counselors, social workers, clergy

and aides who provide in-home care for persons and families coping with life threatening illnesses.

The comprehensive services provided by Mercy Amicare Hospice would not be possible without the contributions of the dedicated volunteers.

Volunteers become special friends to each client and their families, providing respite care, companionship and assistance with a wide variety of tasks such as errands and household chores. The most important thing that hospice volunteers do is "just be there" -- a hand to hold -- a shoulder to cry on -- an ear to listen -- a smile to share.

This year, Mercy Amicare Hospice volunteers will join Mercy Hospital volunteers at a special tea in their honor at the Holiday Inn in Grayling, April 11. This is the third

year all Mercy volunteers, Auxiliaries, Red Cross, River House and Amicare Hospice will be honored at one event.

At Mercy Amicare Hospice, volunteers are not merely a desirable supplement to the professional staff, they are a crucial part of the hospice concept. Mercy Amicare Hospice gives heartfelt thanks to its volunteers, and to all volunteers who give so much to our communities.

All residents of the community are encouraged to recognize and thank those who give of themselves to help others. "Touching Lives, Lifting Spirits."

For more information on becoming a Mercy Amicare Hospice Volunteer, contact Sherry Haag at (517) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457.

Assault victims to 'Take Back the Night'

Statistics tell us that one in four women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime. The same statistics also say less than 10 percent of these assaults will be reported to the police and 75 percent of the perpetrators of these crimes are friends or family.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Women's Resource Center (WRC) is offering you a chance to honor the strength of the people who survive this terrifying crime.

On April 13, the WRC, in cooperation with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program of Munson Medical Center, will host an evening to celebrate "Taking Back the Night." Everyone is invited to join in the candlelight vigil beginning at 7 p.m. at the WRC. There will be music, refreshments and an open mike to follow.

Green ribbons will be distributed to symbolize the strength of sexual assault survivors and the public will be invited to create a T-shirt for the

Clothesline Project.

The evening will kick off a year-long campaign to increase awareness of sexual violence in northern Michigan with a goal of putting an end to this crime.

To find out more about the evening, the Green Ribbon Campaign, the Clothesline Project or sexual assault please call Aimee Miller or Cheryl Oslund at the WRC at (231) 941-1210 or drop in at the offices, located at 720 S. Elmwood, Suite 2 in Traverse City.

Local piano students hold afternoon recital

In an afternoon performance, piano students of Judy Englund presented their Spring Piano Recital on Sunday, March 26 at Heritage Baptist Church in Grayling.

Students performing were Donna Schnoor, Yvonne Sobieralski, Peter Alexander, Kayla Baker, Gabby

Calkins, Shawn McCuan, Kyle Alexander, Beth Lucey, Whitney Wagner, Monica Barr, Megan Fekete, Storm Shriver, Devon Bobenmoyer, Steve Stromski, and Jill Seager.

Other students of Englund are

Mary Smock, Dee VanNuck, Betsy Hammond and Pam Alexander.

More than 70 people attended the recital. Students were given rewards at the conclusion of the recital and refreshments were served.

Community service helps local student win 'Heart and Soul Award'

EAST LANSING -- Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) announced last week that Sarah Anman of Grayling, a college student currently attending Alma College will be awarded a Heart and Soul Award.

The Heart and Soul Award honors students who have been nominated by their campuses for their time and commitment to community service work while in college.

Anman was chosen from a nomination pool of 163 students from colleges and universities across the state. She received the award for outstanding commitment to community service throughout college life.

Michigan Campus Compact will honor all award recipients at an awards brunch on April 15 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Melissa Kendrick, Executive Director of COOL (Campus Opportunity Outreach League) will be the keynote speaker.

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Kirtland to host Lazer Vaudeville

Lazer Vaudeville combines high-tech laser magic with the traditional arts of vaudeville to create an original theatrical production. This exciting event will be held at the Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium, Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Kirtland Community College at 8 p.m. on April 15.

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The master of ceremonies, a seven-foot tall, fluorescent, fire-breathing dragon named Alfonzo, has been known to perform such feats as break-dancing, ballet, and even poetry.

Due to the special effects of the performance, latecomers will be seated 15 minutes into the performance. Don't be left out of any of the fun by arriving late.

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Student computer loan program up and running

by **Cheryll Ruley**
Staff Writer

Students at Kirtland Community College (KCC) may now qualify for a computer-on-loan program to help them complete class assignments.

The program is the brain child of Genene Warren, lead tutor for the learning disabled at KCC. Working in the Student Support Services office, she has encountered many students who have little access to computers.

One particular student caused Warren to begin the program. The student from Grayling suffered three strokes, leaving her the use of only one hand. "Needless to say, she types slowly. She also has a little girl and couldn't spend a lot of time in the computer lab. So, I thought, why not set her up at home with a computer that suits her needs?"

There are many students who can't spend time in the computer lab

because they can't afford a babysitter for their young children. "This program allows those parents with little ones to complete computer work at home and avoid the cost of a sitter."

Warren said she enjoys working with special needs students who are trying to make something of their lives. "The learning disabled and those of meager means have usually faced some tough luck in their lives," Warren said. "And they usually have little or no money for a computer."

Working closely with Larry Schroeder of Wizard Computers in Roscommon, Warren has created a program where older 386 and 486 computer equipment is collected from different sources and programmed to meet students' needs. They are then set up in the students' homes by volunteers.

Warren said most people who

updated for Y2K or for other reasons aren't quite sure what to do with old computer equipment that has very little, if any, resale value. "We could really use that equipment for this program," Warren said. Because computers using CD-ROMs are more expensive to deal with, Warren said they are concentrating on just those computers of an older nature.

A few local businesses and one government agency have answered with the donation of equipment. Donors include Fick & Sons, Inc., Jeff Emmons of the Grayling Pharmacy, Allied Computers and Spectrum Computers, the latter two of which are in Houghton Lake.

Most recently, the Roscommon Grounds Commission made a donation of equipment. "These are all very caring people," Warren said. "Their contributions mean the world to us."

Besides donation of equipment and software, Warren said she is looking for volunteers to help upgrade, program and set up the computers. "Anyone with computer knowledge or interest in helping us with this worthwhile program on a volunteer basis, we'd like to hear from you," she said.

Schroeder said he is feeling a little overwhelmed putting the equipment together due to a disability and the fact that he is a single father of a four-year old.

Warren speaks very highly of Schroeder. "He so generously donates his time and his computer expertise to the program," she said. "Without him, I would be lost."

Those who wish to volunteer to help with the computer-on-loan program should contact Genene Warren by stopping by the Student Support Services office or by calling her at (517) 275-5000, ext. 252.

City Council OK's new sidewalk plans

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until the results of the proposed streetscape project are known.

Currently, a streetscape plan is in the works, which could restructure the south I-75 Business Loop area. Lighting, landscaping, and other changes would be addressed using grant money. New sidewalks could be used as part of the local match associated with the grant, Lowe noted, so it is best for the city to wait and possibly provide some help to the streetscape project while working within the city's yearly sidewalk program.

If the city put in sidewalks now and the streetscape was approved, the walks would likely have to be torn out and replaced as part of the streetscape project, Lowe and Graf said.

If the streetscape grant application is denied, the city plans to include sidewalks for the south side of town in next summer's sidewalk program, Lowe said.

This year's city sidewalk and street program also involves a few paving projects. Meadows Drive will be repaved, and curb and sidewalks will be added, and portions of Industrial Drive and Ingham will be reconstructed.

Part of the construction on Ottawa will include adding a retaining wall on the hill, Lowe hopes the construction will help remedy a safety issue at the site: children using the hill for sledding in the winter.

"Hopefully we will have that problem taken care of for next year," Lowe said.

The city's 2000 sidewalk and street project will be let for bids in two separate contracts, one for paving and one for sidewalk work.

The engineer's estimate for the total project (both paving and sidewalks) is \$342,000. The funds to pay for the project will come from city income taxes, which are designated for street improvements.

A starting date and completion time are not set for the project. Construction should begin sometime

this summer and finish this year. The bids should be let in April, Lowe said.

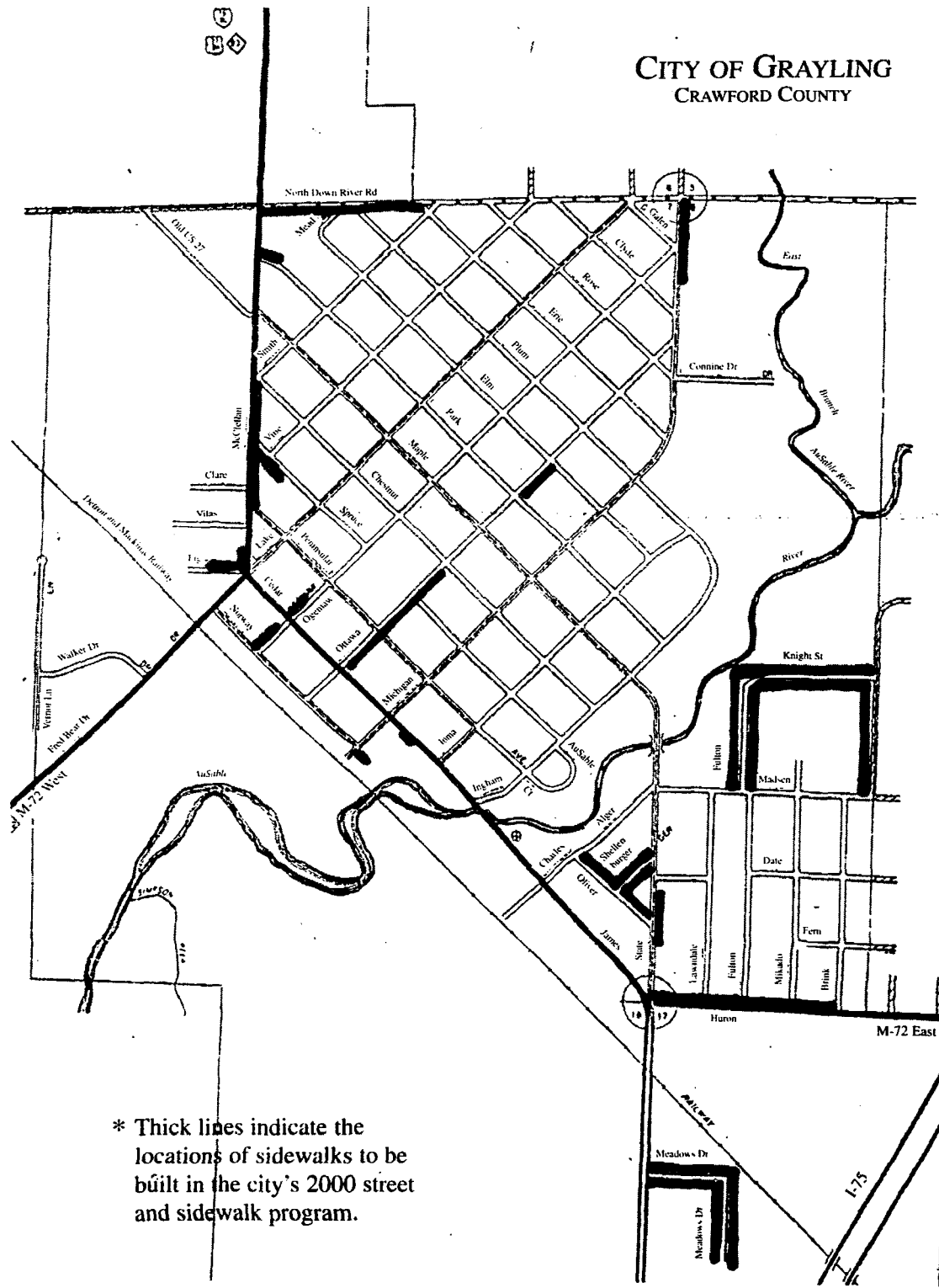
Lowe noted that some residents may have to move their fences back to accommodate the upcoming side-

walk construction. In some places, Lowe said, there are large trees in the way, but the contractors will work around them.

"We're going to try avoiding taking out large trees," he said, "but if

the resident would rather have the tree taken out we can do that."

Lowe encourages anyone with a question or concern about this year's city sidewalk and street program to contact him at 348-2131.



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OBITUARIES

Emma Louise Moggo

Emma Louise Moggo, 74, of Grayling died Friday, March 31, 2000 at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Moggo was born in Grayling, September 14, 1925, the daughter of William and Ethel Mae (Lovely) Wilson. She married Howard Moggo June 21, 1975 in Bay City. She worked at Bear Archery, the Shamrock Restaurant and the Penguin Inn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, one sister and one brother.

She is survived by her husband, Howard; five daughters, Ellen (Ed) Frazer of Sanford, Mary (Joe) Swanic of Grayling, Nancy (Bob) Cinciala of Grayling, Linda of Knauf, Tennessee, and Julie (Steve) Morency of Higgins Lake; eight sons, Tom (Kathy) Muth of Mecosta, Howard (Francis) Moggo Jr. of Oregon, Dave (Carol) Moggo of Grayling, Steve (Debbie) Moggo of Tennessee, Bob (Barb) Muth of Grayling; Doug (Pauline) Moggo of Grayling, Ronald Moggo of Grayling, and John (Angie) Moggo of Grayling; 28 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and one brother, Buzz Wilson of Grayling.

A memorial open house will be held April 22, 2000 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Mary Lucille McNally

Mary Lucille McNally, 93, of Las Cruces, New Mexico died Saturday, March 18, 2000.

Mrs. McNally was born September 12, 1906, in Purdin, Missouri. She lived in the Grayling area for many years. She then moved to Destin, Florida and in 1992 moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Lois) McNally of Las Cruces, New Mexico; daughters, Reta (Charles) Frew of Marietta, Georgia and Leta (Don) Black of St. Clair Shores; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday March 22, with Dr. Larry Hall officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

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Doug, Andrea and Brittany

Magdaline Sendek

Magdaline Sendek, 78, of Grayling died Wednesday, March 29, 2000 at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

Mrs. Sendek was born in Iron River, May 16, 1921, the daughter of Felix and Magdaline (Stankiewicz) Brzoznowski. She moved to Grayling six months ago. She was a life-long resident of Iron River. She was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing, gardening and cooking.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one son, Stanley Sendek in 1986.

She is survived by two daughters, Rita Patsy of Dundee, Illinois and Marina (Chris) Koeppe of Appleton, Wisconsin; one son Steve (Pamela) Sendek of Grayling, eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, Mary Scalucci of Crystal Falls, Josephine Kruszcynski of Woodruff, Wisconsin and Francis Miller of Crystal Falls; two brothers, Edward (Elaine) Brzoznowski of Sagola and Joseph Brzoznowski of Iron River.

Memorial services will be held April 8 in St. Agnes Catholic Church, Iron River. Burial will be in Rest Haven Cemetery, Iron River.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Beatrice J. Tinker

Beatrice J. Tinker, 72, of Grayling died Wednesday, March 29, 2000 from complications due to cancer at her home.

Mrs. Tinker was born in Grayling, February 17, 1928, the daughter of Eugene Victor and Ida Marie (Newell) Papendick. She married Martin Tinker on September 27, 1974 in Grayling. She was a lifelong resident of Grayling. She was a member of the Order of Easter Star and was former Worthy Matron. Mrs. Tinker worked at the Grayling Restaurant, Berringer's Mens Store and then at Bear Archery.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Martin; one daughter, Debbie (Dennis) Huggard of Freeland; one granddaughter, Amanda Huggard; three brothers: Clarence (Delores) Papendick of Grayling, Clifton "Kip" (Joan) Papendick of Grayling, and Victor (Rita) Papendick of Wadsworth, Illinois.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

The family requests that memorials in her name be directed to Mercy Amicare Hospice.

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Survey Reveals Technicians' 'Top 10 List' Of Neglect

(NU)-Changing the oil and filter is the most frequently neglected service by vehicle owners, according to a survey of ASE-certified automotive technicians conducted by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

The ASE survey asked technicians to list the auto maintenance that their customers most frequently neglect. From this survey, ASE compiled a Top Ten List Of Vehicle Neglect.

While changing the oil and oil filter was the most frequently neglected service at 21.7 percent, neglecting the cooling system, belts and hoses was a close second, listed by 19 percent of technicians.

Transmission neglect (12.3 percent) and neglecting periodic maintenance schedules (10.3 percent) also rated high among the technicians.

"What this survey shows is that the least expensive and least time-consuming routine maintenance is being overlooked by today's car owners," said Ronald Weiner, ASE president. "Vehicle neglect can be costly. Serious problems and expensive repairs often result when car owners don't check and change engine oil and coolant/antifreeze in the radiator, or replace worn belts and hoses."

Technicians also listed other

auto maintenance items that are frequently neglected: tune-ups, 8.7 percent; tires, 8.5 percent; suspension and steering, 8.2 percent; brakes, 7.7 percent; timing belts, 2.4 percent; and body/paint work, 1 percent.

Since the complexity of today's new cars and light trucks limits the maintenance and service the average do-it-yourselfers can perform, ASE advises car owners to take their vehicle to a repair facility that employs ASE-certified technicians for periodic checkups.

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You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It

(NU)-You probably think you already know the right way to take care of your car. But Tom and Ray Magliozzi-"Click and Clack, The Tappet Brothers" from National Public Radio-would like to set the record straight.

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Stop being so hard on your car, they say. Treat your vehicle gently and it will last longer.

Here are a few of Click and Clack's tips for lengthening your car's life, as featured on the cars.com Web site:

- **Avoid Jack-Rabbit Starts:** What's wrong with sudden rapid acceleration? "When you slam your foot on the gas pedal, you start a chain reaction in which every piece of your drive train then gets slammed. You're wrecking your car."

- **Start Out Right:** Did you realize that 50 percent of all engine wear occurs in the first few seconds after you start the car? Don't rev the engine when you start up. Drive gently for the first five minutes until the car gets warmed up. "And believe it or not, it takes more time to warm up the engine when it's sitting idle...Just drive."

Click and Clack offer many

more tips such as these in their car pamphlet. To read more fun car care tips, find answers to car repair questions or kill a few hours on the Internet, visit the Car Talk area of cars.com.

"There are some ways in which cars are like people," Tom Magliozzi observed. To which, brother Ray could not resist adding: "Right. Old and falling apart, like my brother."

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payment schedules.

For continuously updated and trusted automotive information, visit the cars.com Web site at www.cars.com.

Safety And Air Bags

(NAPS)-More and more people are getting on the road to safety when it comes to seat belts and airbags.

Airbags save lives, but they need to be used in conjunction with seat belts, safety experts say.

Here are other safety tips to remember, according to the American Coalition for Traffic Safety:

- Never put a rear-facing infant restraint in the front seat of a vehicle with a front passenger airbag. The child could get hurt when the airbag deploys.

- Restrain children 12 and under in the back seat of the car.

- There should be 10 inches between the center of a driver's breastbone and the steering wheel.

- While airbags can be used just once, safety belts can protect occupants during subsequent collisions. In an accident, you may hit more than one object.

A free brochure about airbag safety is available by writing to: Autoliv, c/o Investor Relations, 1320 Pacific Dr., Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

Car Care Tips For High Performance Driving

(NAPS)-More and more people are taking their hobbies on the road by participating in motorsports.

If you're one of the many people who enjoy maintaining your own sports car or hot rod, consider advice on how to get the best performance from your engine.

Most of us recognize the importance of changing our oil every 3,000 miles.

However, if you don't also replace the oil filter, you may run the risk of causing serious engine damage.

Since oil filters lose their efficiency over time, changing it regularly can help keep the oil in your car clean.

One of the best ways to protect your vehicle is by selecting an oil

filter that is suited to your particular vehicle and driving needs. One of the leading brands of oil filters available today is Fram oil filters. The Fram extra guard oil filter is generally considered a benchmark in the industry with greater dirt-stopping power than most other brands.

However, for motorists who drive high performance cars and who often push their vehicles to the limits, there is a new line of oil filters called Fram Racing oil filters.

For decades, professional racers have used the brand's oil filters. Track-tested under severe racing conditions, the new oil filters have a low-restriction filter media, allowing the oil to flow faster through the engine as it runs at high temperatures, while

still providing efficient filtration to protect against serious abrasion.

If you're the average motorist who commutes regularly to work, the local stores and occasionally embarks on a long road trip, the Fram automotive experts recommend sticking with a filter that provides the best engine protection such as Fram extra guard.

But, for those who like to put the pedal to the metal on weekends, you should consider installing the new racing filter to help you achieve maximum racing performance from your vehicle.

The Allied Signal Consumer Products Group advises all motorists to use caution while driving.

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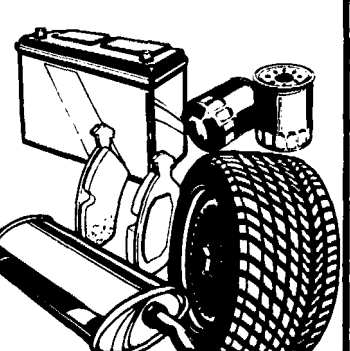
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Spring Car Care 2000

NAPA Recommends Spring Clean Checklist

(NAPS)-In anticipation of warmer weather, millions of Americans try to get in physical shape. The National Automotive Parts Association (NAPA) recommends that consumers do the same for their vehicles by following a simple checklist to ensure safe and headache-free summer road trips and driving. The checklist is relatively inexpensive and can be completed by an ASE-certified (Automotive Service Excellence) automotive technician in a short time. Here it is:

1. Wiper Blade Check. Your wipers worked hard all winter getting rid of dirt and debris on your windshield. Replacing them now means that you can drive with confidence during April showers.

2. Cleanliness Check. Check the

radiator and the cowl (area on your hood just ahead of the windshield) for accumulated debris from winter. Remove any leaves or trash so that air intakes are clean.

3. Cooling System Check. Have your cooling system analyzed, including a check of your antifreeze. Fresh antifreeze is vivid in color (usually bright green or blue), whereas dirty antifreeze looks dull. If the thermostat in your cooling system isn't operating properly, your engine can run too hot or cold, causing either your gas mileage to decrease or, worse, your engine to overheat.

4. Belts and Hoses Check. In the winter, your belts and hoses take a lot of abuse from snow, salt and sand. They should be checked

each spring to ensure they'll endure the summer's temperatures.

5. Brake Check. After cold weather driving, a brake check is a smart safety precaution. One of the most obvious warning signs is brake noise, including excessive grinding, squealing, screeching or chatter. If you have driven frequently through standing water, an inspection will ensure your brakes are free of corrosion and operating properly.

6. Air Conditioning Check. Spring is the perfect time to have your air conditioning (A/C) evaluated. In addition to diagnosing and correcting any problems before the hot weather sets in, it's usually less expensive and easier to get an appointment before the summer rush.

If you own an older vehicle, you may want to consider an A/C retrofit to update your system with the new environmentally friendly refrigerant R-134a. It replaces the harmful refrigerant R-12, commonly known as Freon, and costs about \$6 per pound, one fifth the price of R-12. (Automobiles made prior to 1992 and many made from 1992 to 1994 have systems that use R-12).

NAPA also recommends the following tips for finding an honest repair shop:

- Look for the blue-and-white ASE seal to make sure the shop employs ASE-certified automotive technicians.

- Make sure the shop offers a national warranty on both parts and labor.

For more tips, visit the NAPA Web site at www.NAPAAonline.com.

Understanding Your Auto Coverage

(NAPS)-Here's news to drive home: Drivers should examine their auto insurance policies every year to see what coverage is included and what needs to be added, auto experts say.

For example, drivers may want to keep their eyes out for an inexpensive option called rental car reimbursement, which is generally available if requested, but not widely known by those purchasing auto insurance.

"People need to know that they have some inexpensive, valuable options when they are buying auto insurance," said Joe Frey, assistant editor at Insure.com, a leading provider of consumer information about insurance on the Internet. "Many times, drivers have no idea they can buy rental car reimbursement or towing reimbursement coverages for a couple of dollars a month."

Rental car reimbursement coverage averages \$1 to \$2 a month and is available through most insurance companies.

According to the latest statistics from the National Safety Council, one in eight licensed drivers is involved in an automobile accident each year.

In response, the National Association of Chiefs of Police is kicking off a public information campaign to educate drivers to be better prepared for accidents by knowing what to do at the scene, as well as helping them save time, money and frustration by reminding them to be familiar with what's included in their auto insurance.

One of the best ways to be pre-

pared at all times is to make sure necessary documents about your insurance coverage and information are always kept in the glove compartment, law enforcement officials recommend.

"While the list of what drivers need to know can be quite lengthy, we've tried to condense this information in an easy to read format that drivers can keep in their car's glove compartment," said Morton Feldman, executive vice president of the National Association of the Chiefs of Police. "In addition, we've created a simple fill-in-the-blank accident report form which people can access for free on the Internet (www.accidentprep.com), print out and keep in the glove compartment with a pencil."

America's Drivers Gain On The Road To Safety

(NAPS)-The latest statistics show that Americans' knowledge of road safety may be considered more than roadworthy.

Although six times as many people drive now than in 1925 and the number of motor vehicles has increased 11 times, the death rate has declined from 18 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled to 1.7 per 100 million miles.

That's a 90 percent decrease, according to figures from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

Research into the causes of car fatalities and how to prevent them began in an organized way with the creation of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the 1960s. The agency was instrumental in improving vehicle and highway safety design and creating programs to educate the public about safety.

"Since the early 1980s, a combination of legislation, law enforce-

ment and public awareness has contributed to a nearly 40 percent decrease in alcohol-related deaths and a more than fivefold increase in safety belt use," says CDC's director Dr. Jeffrey Koplan.

In 1981, only 11 percent of Americans used seat belts. Today nearly 70 percent of Americans buckle up.

In 1996, use of child passenger restraints was up to 85 percent for children less than one year old and 60 percent for children aged one to four years.

However, our roads could be even safer. Motor vehicle crashes still remain the leading cause of death for young people, one to 24-years-old in the United States. Crashes are also still the leading cause of injury deaths making motor vehicle safety a major health issue for all people.

Safety efforts in the next century will focus on:

- Further reducing alcohol-

impaired driving incidences.

- Promoting strategies such as graduated licensing that discourage teenage drinking and other risky driving behaviors.

- Encouraging safer pedestrian behaviors and engineering solutions.

- Accommodating the mobility needs of the aged-a population that will almost double to 65 million by 2030.

- Encouraging those who do not wear safety belts to use them.

- Encouraging proper use of age-appropriate child safety seats and booster seats.

- Conducting research to better understand the causes of nonfatal disabling injuries as a foundation for finding ways to prevent such injuries.

- Improving the system for gathering car safety data.

With such strategies, America's drivers may soon be on the road to an even safer driving experience.

Seasonal Car Maintenance: A Good Investment

(NU)-Getting your vehicle ready is a good investment. That's the word from the pros at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), a nonprofit group that tests and certifies automotive

technicians.

Vehicles that receive regular, on-going maintenance run better, last longer, and command a higher resale value than neglected cars and trucks.

ASE offers the following advice

about getting your vehicle ready:

- Don't procrastinate. Now is the ideal time for a car checkup.

- Read your owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's service intervals.

- Replace worn wiper blades and keep plenty of washer fluid on hand.

- Replace balding tires. Don't forget to check the spare tire and tire jack.

- Have a qualified auto technician check the condition of your battery and cables, plus the radiator, and all hoses and belts.

- If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, find a repair shop with a courteous staff, qualified technicians and modern equipment. Reward good service with repeat business. Ask friends for their recommendations and check the reputation of the shop with your local consumer organizations.

- Look for repair facilities that employ ASE-certified technicians. These professionals have taken national exams to prove their competency to their employers and to you. ASE-certified technicians wear blue and white insignia and carry credentials listing their exact areas of expertise, for example, brakes or engine repair. Shops and dealers which employ ASE-certified technicians often display the ASE sign in the customer area or near the service bays.

- Engine performance problems such as rough idling, poor acceleration or hard starts should be corrected.

- Have the exhaust system examined for leaks.

- Carry emergency gear: flares, high-energy snacks, a blanket, flashlight, a few tools, and a car phone or CB radio.

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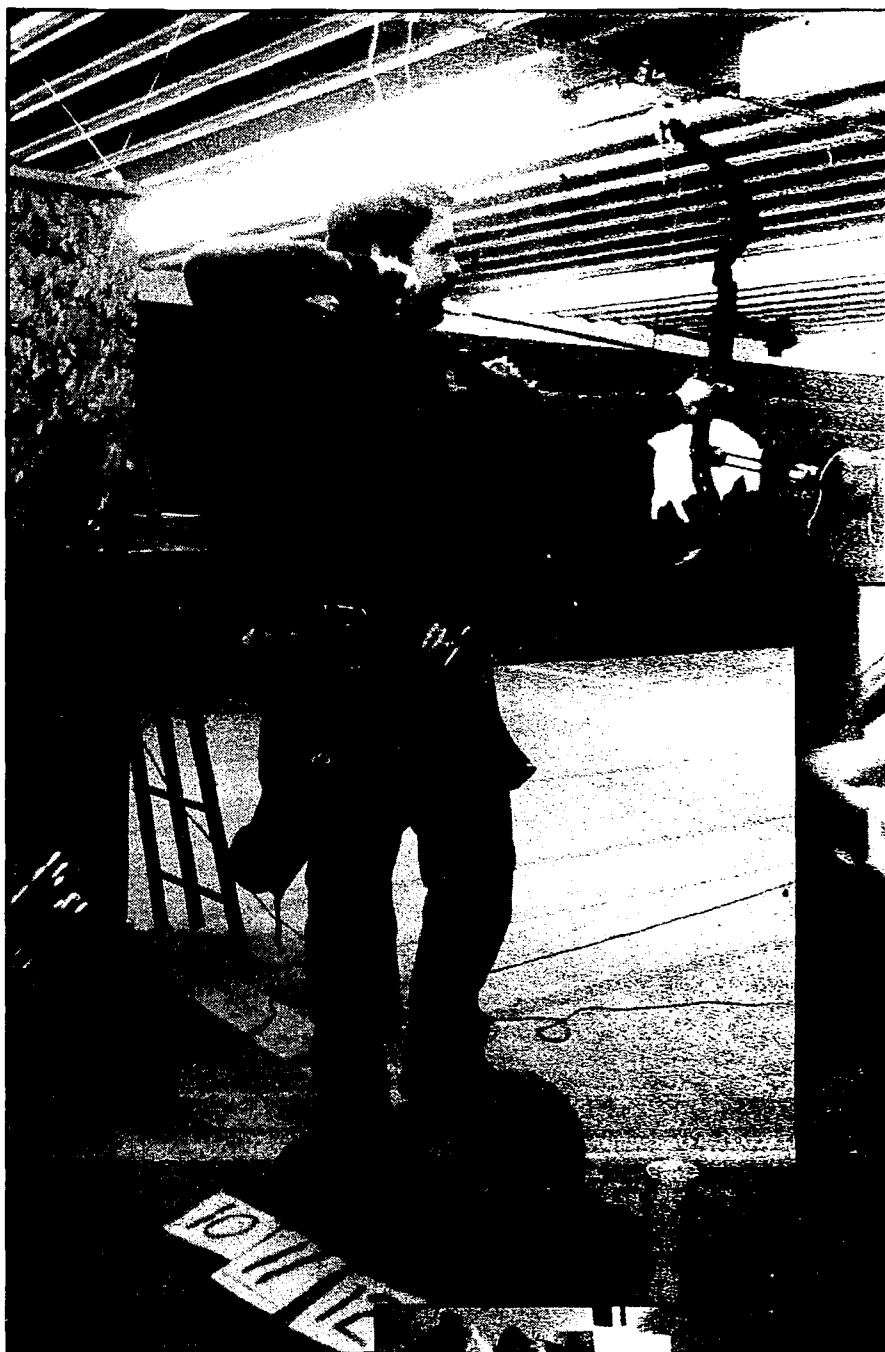
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Bears Bowmen host 3-D Fun Shoot



► Archers gather at local club for a day of fun & competition

The Bears Bowmen, a local archery club with an indoor target range at Hanson Hills, hosted a fun shoot competition on Sunday, March 26.

Archers took turns firing from various stations at the different three-dimensional targets, which included deer, boar, turkey, bear, bobcat, and raccoon.

Prizes were awarded to the top shooters at the end of the day.



(Above) One of the stations at the Bears Bowmen shoot involved firing through trees. (Left) Another station was the elevated 'tree stand.'

(Above) Look easy? As an added challenge, the Bears Bowmen indoor shooting range features stations such as the fastened-down 'log.' Archers worked to carefully balance themselves and then hit their targets. (Right) Archers check their hits on the elevated raccoon target. (Below) A fun shoot participant aims from the tree stand.



(Above) Archers aimed at 3-D targets from one of the first stations, a wobbly platform that requires careful aim and balance. (Below) An archer removes his hits from the turkey target, which moved back and forth on a metal track.

Photos by Caleb Casey



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Immediately after a violent encounter like sexual assault, survivors and their families are in crisis and uncertain about what to do next. River House crisis response advocates provide crisis intervention and emotional support as well as necessary information and referrals.

For victims of Sexual Assault in Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties, services River House provides include:

- 24 hour hotline - immediate crisis intervention
- We'll stay with you in the hospital emergency department and provide clothing as needed
- We'll go with you to police interviews and court proceedings
- Follow-up counseling for survivors and their families
- Support groups organized as needed for women who are survivors of sexual assault
- Educational programs for community/professional groups

What should I do?

If you are sexually assaulted:

- Get to a safe place
- DO NOT shower, bathe, douche, brush your teeth, change or destroy your clothing or straighten up the area where the assault occurred. Doing any of these may destroy evidence
- Contact someone you trust
- Call a rape crisis program for support and information or call the police department where the assault occurred

Should I see a doctor?

YES. It is extremely important for survivors of sexual assault to get medical attention through a hospital emergency room or a private doctor for three main reasons:

- 1) To be treated for possible injuries.
- 2) To be tested and treated for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
- 3) To collect and document medical evidence in case you decide to prosecute.

NOTE: You may be eligible for crime victims compensation to cover cost of medical treatment if you report the crime within 48 hours.

How could this happen to me?

Many survivors of sexual assault think the attack was their fault. But sexual assault is never the victim's fault. Here are some important things to keep in mind:

Sexual assault is a crime of violence and control. It is not an impulsive act of passion but an act of violence against another human being.

Most sexual assaults are planned - not spontaneous - acts. Females and males of all ages, races, socioeconomic groups, neighborhoods, and life styles can become victims.

No one asks to be sexually assaulted. Assaultants choose as victims those they see as vulnerable. Most often, sexual assault is committed in the victim's own home by someone the victim knows.

A relative, friend, date, neighbor, or other acquaintance is usually the perpetrator.

Sexual assault is a punishable crime. In Michigan, the legal term for this type of crime is Criminal Sexual Conduct.

Who should I call to report the crime?

In Crawford County State Police 517-422-5101 Sheriff's Dept. 911 or 517-348-4616 Grayling Police 911 or 517-348-4621	In Ogemaw County State Police 517-345-0955 Sheriff's Dept. 911 or 517-345-3111 West Branch Police 911 or 517-345-2911
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Whitetails Unlimited to host annual banquet

► Dinner will again raise funds to buy free hunting licenses for young area sportsmen

The Roscommon/Crawford chapter of Whitetails Unlimited has scheduled its annual fund-raising dinner for April 22 at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the buffet dinner will start at 7 p.m. Special room rates will be available through the Holiday Inn to those attending the banquet.

Tickets for the event will not be sold at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling Dan Hagle at (517) 275-8341, or stopping by any of the following locations: Roscommon - Rolling Oak Archery,

Parts Plus, Randal Lumber, Village Ace Hardware, Higgins Lake Sports Barn, Higgins Lake Sport and Tackle, Houghton Lake - Lenny Sporting Goods, Wal Mart.

Ticket prices are: \$40 single, \$20 for spouse, \$15 juniors (15 and under). Deadline for ordering tickets will be April 15.

This year's WTU banquet will again feature raffles and gun displays.

All proceeds from the event will be used to purchase youth hunting licenses.

Last year's fund-raiser was a big success, as almost \$2,000 was raised for national projects, and nearly \$2,000 was raised for local projects, supplying over 150 applicants with free small game, archery/gun deer licenses, along with sports cards and various per-

mits to over 300 youth applicants.

The plan was simple: the Roscommon, Crawford Chapter of WTU supplied several license vendors in Roscommon and Crawford counties with checks to be deposited in the license vending accounts. Young hunters and their parents filled out requests for licenses and were encouraged to buy only licenses they would use so as many youth as possible could receive licenses. The chapter and the store kept track of the store balance with license receipts and the applications that were filled out, and gave away the free licenses until the accounts were exhausted.

According to WTU, many positive comments have been received regarding the free license program.

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The 1999 WTU fund-raising banquet featured several gun raffles.



Last year's WTU banquet featured art displays and a live auction.

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YOUNG PUPPETEERS -- (Above) Students from Mrs. Alexander's and Mrs. Hatfield/Ms. Millikin's classes had the opportunity to work with the Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre Company puppeteers on March 2 and created their very own puppets. Shown are both first grade classes, their teachers, paraprofessionals and the puppeteers.



HAND-MADE PUPPET -- (Above) Corey Kiessel demonstrates his handmade puppet creation. Kirtland Youth Theatre welcomed puppet theatre company with their presentation of the award-winning musical *Cinderella and the Chinese Slipper*, which is based on the Asian fairy tale, *Yeh-Shen, the Chinese Cinderella*. Several classes from AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools attended the performance at Kirtland Community College's Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium on March 3. Students from Grayling Elementary participated in the performance.

Local bowler scores a 300

► Helsel bowls first perfect game at Legion in 40 years

Local bowler Jake Helsel recently rolled a perfect game at Legion Lanes in Grayling, chalking up a 300 during league play. Helsel

bowls in the Sunday Night Mixed League at Legion.

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Whitetails Unlimited to host annual banquet

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which helps give area youths the opportunity to explore the beauty of Michigan's natural resources.

WTU, Inc. is a national non-profit organization. Its purpose is to raise funds in support of education, habitat conservation, and the preservation of the hunting tradition for the benefit of the white-tailed deer and other wildlife.

(Left) Last year's banquet prizes included two weekend hunting trips for five adults and five youth each weekend, donated by Tahquamenon Outfitters. Adults were present to mentor youth in archery deer hunting, small game, and fishing. Pictured: (front, L to R) Justin Green, Jeff Roman, Bob Hagle; (middle, L to R) Keith Grow, (Guide) Sark, Vaughn Aubsburger, Ben Labean; (back, L to R) Don Borchers, James Borchers, Ray Grow, Dan Hagle.

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R & M Masonry	16 - 32
Red Barn	12 - 36
High Game: B. Lifford, 215; S. Romain, 206; J. Hinds, 199.	
High Series: B. Lifford, 570; S. Romain, 546; J. Hinds, 539.	
Pioneer	

Chemical Bank	35 - 13
Aunt Betty's	27 - 21
Custom Interior	26 - 22
Ginger's	23 - 25
Lady Slippers	22 - 26
Millikins	20 - 28
Avalanche	20 - 28
Lucky Strikers	19 - 29
High Game: J. Cousins, 207; A. Latusek, 204; L. Golnick, 204.	
High Series: A. Latusek, 575; L. Golnick, 535; J. Cousins, 531.	
Recreation	

Tri★County Meats	33 - 15
Mickey Perez CPA	27.5 - 20.5
Mark 8	27 - 21
Gray Rock Café	24.5 - 23.5
Glen's Market	24 - 24
Scheer Motors	21 - 27
Peterson Saw Service	18 - 30
Cornell	17 - 31

High Game: D. Hannum, 210; L. Dellar, 208; S. Sumner, 200.	
High Series: S. Sumner, 527; D. Anderson, 502; M. Starks, 498.	
Senior	
Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	71 - 41
Sylvester's Sports	65 - 47
Friends & Co	61.5 - 50.5
Tri★County Meats	55.5 - 56.5
Baynam Wood Prod	50.5 - 61.5
Buccillis Pizza	49 - 63
Cornell Realty	48 - 64
Flowers By Josie	47.5 - 64.5
High Game Men: K. Harris, 244; G. Wolfe, 197; H. Ingram, 190.	
High Series Men: K. Harris, 602; A. Smith, 537; G. Wolfe, 534.	
High Game Women: P. Harris, 201; R. Joyce, 171; V. Westover, 171.	
High Series Women: V. Westover, 508; L. Hetrick, 479; R. Joyce, 467.	
Sunday Night Mixed	

Wakeley's Auto Parts	39.5 - 20.5
Sylvester's	39 - 21
McDonald's of Gaylord 33.5 - 26.5	
Custom Interior	31 - 29
Waste Management	30 - 30
McDonald's of Gaylord #2	28 - 32
R & M Masonry	24 - 36
Citgo	15 - 45
High Game Men: J. Elekonich, 216; B. Nielson, 207; S. Miller, 196.	
High Series Men: J. Elekonich, 571; R. Moshier, 539; B. Nielson, 522.	
High Game Women: J. Hinds, 245; S. Romain, 203; K. Moshier, 189.	
High Series Women: J. Hinds, 581; S. Romain, 542; M. Miller, 514.	
Triangle	

Gray Rock Café	39 - 17
McDonald's	33.5 - 22.5
Moshier Auto	32.5 - 23.5
Tri★County Meats	29 - 27
Johnson	25 - 31
High Game: M. Sumner, 199; J. King, 185; R. Moshier, 185.	
High Series: J. King, 499; M. Sumner, 493; T. Everly, 468.	



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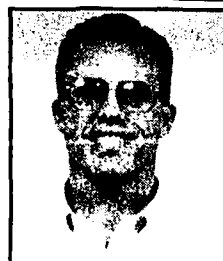
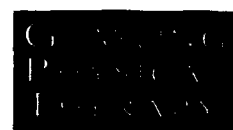
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GMS announces March Students of the Month



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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for March are: Kyle Alexander, Phil Armstrong, Jessica Ayers, Elizabeth Banda, Brad Bindschatel, Kris Curtis, Andy Czuba, Zak Dean, Jill DeVille, Tim Domcik, Adam Gilbert, Krysta Golinick, Hope Guardado, Jeremiah Handrich, Ashley Hawley, Adam Herman, Matt Hough, Andrew Limmel, Ashley Lockwood, Kim Long, Heather Metzger (absent), Jessie Morley, Christin Morrell, Charles Peterson, Drew Rasmussen, Kelly Rogers, Andy Strohpaal, Kyle Trudgeon, Maggie VanGuilder, Jenny VanNuck, Samantha Wakeley, Doug Webb, Travis Webb, Jamie Zelek, Joe Zelek.

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting of March 15, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Lynnette Corlew, at 9:39 a.m. in the County Building on March 15, 2000.

Roll Call: Corlew, Wieland, Golinick, Hanson, Pinkelman.

Absent: Beardslee, Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present, Paul Compo - County Controller - Present. Others were present at various times.

Approved the Board Minutes for the February 10, 2000 Special Board Meeting.

Approved the Board Minutes for the February 16, 2000 Regular Board Meeting.

Accepted the correspondence as submitted.

Moved to amend the agenda to include under Old Business "Compensation Commission" and "Maple Forest Constable Position".

Moved to authorize the Planning Commission to obtain a proposal from Mr. Freed - Grove Associates initiating the changes proposed in the Zoning Ordinance for an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. Said cost to be taken from the Planning Commission's budget.

Approved an amendment to the Purchasing Policy GO-8 adopted 4/1/96 that allows the Purchasing Agent to purchase professional services in addition to supplies and equipment provided the cost does not exceed \$1,500.00 and is within the appropriate departmental budget.

Moved to adopt a Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy Mar2000, effective 7/01/00. The policy identifies all equipment (furniture and fixtures) with a value over a certain amount of money owned by the County and will also satisfy audit requirements.

Approved to submit the legal opinion obtained by Attorney Bonnie Toskey and previous documentation on the Housing Commission Per Diem to the Prosecutor's office for review.

Approved to consider the purchase of a Konica model #2223 copy machine from John Huss.

Approved to set a Special Meeting to review the audit on Friday, March 24, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.

Authorized payments for the following claims: General Fund - mileage and conference reimbursement for Hunter, expense reimbursement for Franklin and Corlew, election programming for Moore and Duncel, per diem for Duran, Leonard, Compo, Wakeley, Jorgenson, Roshy and Duncel, prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the March 03, 2000 report as corrected in the amount of \$428,775.58; D.A.R.E. Fund - payroll and open invoices on the March 03, 2000 report in the amount of \$3,185.00; Environmental Control Fund - mileage and payroll for Merrill in the amount of \$2,844.55; Central Dispatch Fund - payroll and open invoices on the March 03, 2000 report in the amount of \$13,346.50; Remuneration Fund - prepaid vouchers in the amount of \$154.00; Marriage Counseling Fund - prepaid voucher the amount of \$169.50.

Approved to authorize the Controller to draft an employees ethic policy regarding confidential and sensitive information.

Accepted correspondence as presented.

Moved to authorize EMO Merrill to prepare a resolution of support for the

\$10,000.00 donation towards the fish hatchery project.

Approved to authorize the Chairperson to enter into the Michigan State Housing Development Authority by River House Shelter & Domestic Crisis Services Annual Emergency Shelter Grant. The grant will cover some of the wages for the night/week-end advocates as well as some mileage, phone and security costs.

Approved to amend the agenda to allow Carol Conklin, AFSCME Chapter Chairperson to address the Board.

Moved to recess the regular meeting and enter into a closed session to discuss litigation with Prosecutor Huss (10:00 a.m.).

Approved to allocate \$2,250.00 from the capitol outlay line item for a copy machine in the Prosecutor's office.

Moved to purchase a Konica #2223 copy machine from John Huss for \$2,250.00.

Moved to request the Prosecutor research per diem practices of the Housing Commission and advise if the County is eligible to collect retroactive pay from Housing members.

Moved to amend the motion to have Controller Compo and Prosecutor Huss research a fair and equitable solution to the housing commission per diem issue.

Approved to amend the agenda to hear a presentation on CCW Legislation.

CONSENSUS of the Board to review the local Gun Board rules and place the CCW Legislation on the April 19th, 2000 Board agenda.

Approved to enter into the Inmate Pay Phone Agreement between the Crawford County Jail and Evercom Systems, Inc. for three (3) years. Evercom agrees to pay the county 37% of the gross billed revenues.

Approved to designate \$10,000.00 of the signing bonus from Evercom Systems, Inc. to the Sheriff department training line item.

Approved to authorize the Chairperson to enter into an annual maintenance agreement with Cells Correctional Agency, Inc. for maintenance of county jail locks in an amount of \$3,577.17.

Moved to request an opinion relative to the responsibilities of the Sheriff performing inspections for a township constable position.

Approved to authorize the Chairperson to sign the emergency response plan for Northern Pure Ice Company which complies with the local emergency plan.

Moved to recognize Crawford Counties pledge up to \$38,250.00 which would meet the cash match of \$60,000.00 for the required \$467,000.00 2000 Recreation Grant Application for the Grayling Fish Hatchery Project. The steering committee will continue to raise funds to offset the counties obligation.

Approved to authorize EMO Merrill to work with Steve Senek of the DNR to remove control structure boards to facilitate increased water flow at the Fish Hatchery.

Moved to amend the agenda to allow Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright to make a presentation.

Approved to direct Controller Compo to set a judicial meeting with Kalkaska and Otsego Commissioners to discuss the management and/or advisory court council.

Approved to correct increases from the January 19, 2000 board meeting for the following court employees: Ronda Rakoczy, Patti Bonamie, Linda Franklin, Kathy Sheldon, and Jean Callewart.

Approved to appoint Pat Merrill to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective 3-20-00 for a term ending 12-31-2003.

Moved to request a legal opinion from the Prosecutor as to whether the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) can increase the size of its board from three to five members without amending the zoning ordinance.

Moved to adopt a resolution to create a Compensation Commission consisting of seven (7) members to serve four (4) year

staggered terms.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m. A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's office.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 13th day of March 2000 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Wyman, Hayes, Palmer, Brown.

Members Absent: Banda.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Fay Bovee, Bob Bovee, Chad Beckett, Doug Duby, Caleb Casey, Pat Merrill, Bob Butzin, Karl Lehto, Dave Johnson, James Tiffany, Klaus Heinert, Dennis Palmer.

00-32 Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes that the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2000 be approved as amended. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted.

a. G.U.D.A. letter of appreciation.

b. Liquor Control Commission regarding a S.D.M. license. No action required.

c. Letter to Dave Sabin regarding his resignation from the C.I.A. Board.

d. Letter to Crawford AuSable School Board regarding appreciation for letting the City use their facilities for the Presidential Primary Election.

e. Letter to Allen Lowe regarding a young man who will be receiving the Eagle Scout award in April. Council would like an Achievement Recognition made up for council to sign at the next meeting.

Old Business.

a. 2nd Bid on Carpet for MSP Lab. The two bids are as follows:

1. Duncley Floor Covering for \$880.40.

2. Milltown Carpet Sales & Service for \$897.50.

00-33 Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes to accept the bid of Duncley Floor Covering in the amount of \$880.40 for carpet at the MSP Lab. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

b. Letter of Understanding between the City and Union Local 214 regarding sick and vacation time.

00-34 Moved by Hayes, supported by Wyman to accept the letters of understanding as proposed for sick time. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

c. Fish Hatchery update. Council discussed this worthwhile project and Pat Merrill was present to answer questions. A letter of commitment by the City is requested

by March 15, 2000.

00-35

Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes to write a letter of commitment in the amount of \$5,000 for the Fish Hatchery Project to be paid in July or August. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

New Business.

a. Lot Split Request. A lot split request was received and discussion was held. The City Manager and City Assessor could see no problem with this split and recommended that Council approve the request.

00-36

Moved by Hayes, supported by Brown to approve the proposed lot split into two parcels per certificate of survey. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

b. Amendment to Budget. The City Manager sent a memo to Council that two of the budget totals need to be amended to reflect changes in activity this year.

00-37

Moved by Hayes, supported by Brown that the 1999-2000 General Fund Budget be amended as follows: The City Council Department total be increased from \$12,000 to \$14,700 and the Building Department total be increased from \$95,000 to \$234,000. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

c. K of C Fund Raising. Council discussed the Knights of Columbus annual "Tootsie Roll" drive and would like to see a copy of their insurance policy. This is to be tabled for the March 27, 2000 meeting.

d. Budget Schedule. The City Manager has made up two schedules for Council to see. Council would like to see it moved back so that the City Manager can present recommended budget to the City Council on April 10, 2000. This would eliminate having to hold a Special Meeting. The Budget Schedule would be as follows:

1. March 31, 2000. Department Heads submit budget recommendations to the City Manager.

2. April 10, 2000. City Manager presents recommended budget to the City Council.

3. April 24, 2000. Budget Work Session.

4. May 8, 2000. Budget Public Hearing.

5. May 22, 2000. City Council adopts the final Budget.

e. M.M.L. Conference to be held in Lansing March 29th. We need to know if anyone from Council will be attending by March 15, the last day to register.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Dave Johnson, James Tiffany and Klaus Heinert from Sundberg, Carlson & Associates, Inc. introduced themselves to Council and gave a short background of what their company can do for the City. They offer many different opportunities for the City to use for projects in the future and wanted Council to know what was available. Council thanked them for coming.

Reports of City Manager.

a. A position on the C.I.A. Board needs to be filled. The City Manager will place an ad in the *Avalanche* for the opening.

b. We need to select a committee of three to work on the city hall location.

c. City Policies. The City Manager gave

Council copies of the policies and procedures for the City of Grayling and how these need to be reviewed and updated in the future.

d. The DPW roof is on hold until we can get some information on a heating system. Should be updated before a new roof is started. Will keep Council informed on the progress of this project.

e. The DPW 1988 Dodge van is out of commission. Doug Duby and the City Manager have placed an order with the State Purchasing Department to purchase a pick-up to replace the van for a price of \$17,270.47. It will take 90 to 120 days once they have received the order before we will receive the truck.

f. Irrigation Plan. Carl Lehto spoke to Council about the needs of the irrigation site and what needs to be done to update. Mr. Lehto will be heading the Irrigation Management Plan for the City of Grayling and wanted to introduce himself to Council and plans on starting this project soon. They are working with the City and Roy Spangler with the co-operative extension on using test plots with different crops to see what will work the best for our area. This will be a long range plan.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Wyman wants to get a committee started as soon as possible for the prospects of a city hall. Would like to have a citizen from the city on a three person committee. The committee would consist of Dave Wyman from the Council, Allen Lowe as City Manager and a person from the city. Council discussed this committee and will think about people that would be good on this committee and let the City Manager know, he will then get a consensus from Council and report back.

Adjournment.

00-38 Moved by Wyman, supported by Brown that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KATHERINE L. MILLS, MARRIED AND HAROLD L. MILLS, MARRIED TO HOME IMPROVEMENT ACCEPTANCE CORP., AN OHIO CORPORATION Mortgagee, dated January 7, 1999, and recorded on January 26, 1999, in Liber 473, on page 92, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to ALTEGRA CREDIT COMPANY, by an assignment dated January 7, 1999, and recorded on February 17, 1999, in Liber 474, on page 417, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum

of twenty two thousand seven hundred ninety nine and 75/100 Dollars (\$22,799.75), including interest at 11.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on April 26, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

THE EAST 165 FEET OF THE EAST 330 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.324(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 23, 2000
ALTEGRA CREDIT COMPANY
Assignee of Mortgage
ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgage

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

23-30-6-13

Orland Lyle Perna
4133 Woodmont Drive
Waterford, MI 48329
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FILING DEADLINE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION POSITIONS

A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the Crawford AuSable School District Board must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2000.

The regular school election will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000. One position on the Board will be filled at the election. The position is a four year term ending June 30, 2004.

Petition and affidavit forms may be obtained at the board office 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. Office hours are 8:00 am through 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

There is an opening for a part-time outside maintenance person for the Lovells Township Hall and Cemetery Grounds. We also have need of a grave opener. Any person interested in applying for either or both positions, please contact Supervisor Fred Schaibly at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738, 348-9215 or home 348-7065.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting March 8, 2000

Members Present: Tom Hall, Jonice Annis, Cynthia O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright
Members Absent: None

Others Present: Don Babcock, Bruce Johnson, Curt Jensen, Connie Winans, Matt Wilson, Nicholas Haskin, Jim Padgett, Dave Jensen, Pat Merrill, Don Denton, Dave Johnson, Curt Marshall

Supervisor Wright called meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Ashton, second by Hall, to recess regular meeting and open Public Hearing regarding the necessity of creating a Special Assessment District for the improvement of Old Lake Road from M-72 to M-93. All ayes, motion carried.

The Special Assessment District would include all properties adjoining Old Lake Road and those who depend on Old Lake Road for ingress or egress to their homes or businesses. Creating this district does not mean the actual assessment has been approved. By law a second hearing must be held to discuss district costs. Only then can the township board give their final approval or denial.

The total estimated cost, according to a registered engineer from the firm of Northwest Design, in Petoskey, will be \$154,525. This includes: resurfacing Old Lake Road from M-72 through the residential area of Karen Woods; Past Karen Woods; Old Lake Road will have to be completely rebuilt all the way to M-93.

The Crawford County Road Commission is willing to pay half the cost (\$77,262.50) to repair Old Lake Road. Grayling Township is willing to pay one-quarter of the cost (\$38,631.25) if those identified in the assessment district pay the final one-quarter (\$38,631.25). This final one-quarter could be spread over a 10-year period and included as a special assessment on annual tax bills. The amount each property would be assessed would be approximately \$50 per year.

The public gave input as to the repaving project. Most of the discussion favored the project, but there were several concerns raised about the safety of the multi-purpose pathway, which would be attached to the newly resurfaced road. Mr. Babcock, from the Road Commission, and Mr. Frederick, from the pathway committee, both suggested that there are several ways to slow down traffic, including increased signage and road patrol and education of those who use the road frequently.

Correspondence was received from Nanette Ferrigan, Shirley Holcomb and Nancy Holcomb against the project. Correspondence on file, in favor, from Mr. Tyson and Wayne Koppe.

Motion by Hall, second by Annis, to close public hearing and return to regular session 7:52 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Board discussion: The issue of the public hearing was the rebuilding of the road, not the proposed pathway. The pathway is not under the jurisdiction of the township. The pathway has been approved by the road commission, with the cooperation and funding of many state and local organizations. The pathway will be built whether or not Old Lake Road is resurfaced.

If this opportunity slips through our grasp, Old Lake Road will probably not be upgraded for many more years. It has not been identified as a priority road by the Road Commission, which means the road commission has no future plans to upgrade it at their expense. It isn't going to be improved with

out participation of the township and the residents and rising costs will make it more expensive if we delay.

1. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to resolve to create Old Lake Road Improvement Special Assessment District for the purpose of defraying the cost of repaving Old Lake Road from M-72 to M-93 and here by authorize the Supervisor to draw the tentative Special Assessment Roll to be presented at a Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, April 11, 2000, beginning at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to approve the minutes of February 9, 2000, as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report for February was read and placed on file.

4. Correspondence (No action required): Chamber News 3-2000; Crawford AuSable School Board Happenings 2-21-00; AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association 2-2000 Newsletter.

5. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to re-appoint George Monk and Anthony Luppato to the Grayling Township Planning Commission. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to re-appoint Mark Sloan and Walter Walsh as Grayling Township representatives on the Grayling Recreation Authority. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Tom Hall requested and was granted permission to abstain from participation in the following request for lot split. A request to transfer a portion of Lot 7 of Grayling Park Sub was referred (2-9-00) to the Township Attorney and his recommendation is that the request be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an interpretation of the relative zoning ordinances. Consensus to accept attorney's opinion and send to Z.B.A.

8. Update Township Fish Hatchery Park: County Commissioners like the concept but there is a problem with transfer of the property to the Township. The state deed has restrictions, which do not allow its transfer. Study is being done regarding the possibility of a long term lease.

9. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to increase Pat Kangas' secretarial position to full-time beginning April 1, 2000, at a salary of \$18,000. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis to accept the recommendation of the Grayling Township Planning Commission and adopt Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 2000-02 (Reference Planning Comm. Case 2000-01), amendment to G.L.Z.O. 92-2.

The following described property is hereby rezoned from Deferred Development (DD) to General Commercial (C-1): A parcel of land beginning at the NW corner of the NW quarter of Sec. 13, T26N, R4W, thence North 89 degrees, 37 minutes East on the Sec. line, 672.9 feet, thence South 31 degrees, 30 minutes East 313.72 feet to the northerly right of way of M-93, thence Southwesterly along said right of way to the section line, thence North to the Point of Beginning.

Property Code: 20-040-042-013-009-060-00, Location M-93 Hwy.

Ordinance 2000-02 has an effective date of April 21, 2000.

11. Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 21316, 21318, 21362-21398. Guardian Dental \$572.21, Bd. and Comm. fees \$350. Election inspectors \$1,561.75, Ferrigan/mileage \$48.10 for a grand total of \$24,713.54. Ayes: five; nays: none, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Annis, carried, all ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Promissory Note and Mortgage made on the date of May 24, 1995 by **John L. Wakeley**, a single man, as mortgagor, to **David A. Cruickshank** and **Betty M. Cruickshank**, husband and wife, as Mortgagee, said Mortgage being recorded June 16, 1995 at Liber 395 Page 408-409, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, upon which note there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of **Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight and 34/100 (\$17,568.34)** Dollars, plus accrued interest at the rate of **Ten (10.0%) Percent**, plus late fees and other allowable costs, including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes and insurance accruing from November 12, 1999.

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the

debt or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage and the power of sale being contained in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default;

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of April, 2000 at 10:00 in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said promissory note with interest thereon at the rate of **Ten (10.0%) Percent**, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said promissory note and mortgage. The land and the premises described in said mortgage is located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of **Ten (10.0%) Percent**, and any fees, taxes or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of the sale.

The property shall be offered for sale in parcels or in total.

This notice is an attempt to collect a debt. **CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.**
By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)
Attorney for Mortgagee
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
PO Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5232

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

Case No. 99-11046-CH
Hon. Donald E. Shelton

KERRY A. MacVAY, Trustee of the Kerry A. MacVay Revocable Trust dated July 20, 1993, and GLENFORD W. HANSON and DOROTHY K. HANSON, as Trustees of the Glenford W. Hanson and Dorothy K. Hanson Trust dated April 2, 1992, Plaintiffs, v.

CLARENCE WILLIS BAUGHN, and **BERNICE E. BAUGHN**, Husband and Wife; **CORNELIUS ALVIN BAUGHN** and **PATRICIA BAUGHN**, Husband and Wife; **HENRY GILBERTSON** and **VIRGINIA LOUISE GILBERTSON**, Husband and Wife; **ROBERT W. SEEFELD, SR.**, as Survivor of Sarah Elizabeth Seefeld, Deceased, Husband and Wife; **MARY L. BAUGHN**, as Survivor of Henry Winston Baughn, Deceased, Wife and Husband; **LAWRENCE E. BAUGHN** and **ELEANOR F. BAUGHN**, Husband and Wife; and **VARIOUS JOHN and JANE DOES**, as Unknown Heirs of Earl and Florence Baughn, Defendants.

Chris L. McKenney (P17473)
Bradley J. McLampy (P34631)
Conlin, McKenney & Philbrick, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
350 South Main Street, Suite 400
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
(734) 761-9000

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

At a session of said Court, held in the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, on this 22nd day of March, 2000.

PRESENT: Hon. Donald E. Shelton, Circuit Judge

This matter having come before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion for Substitute Service by Publication, and with the proper showing having been made by Plaintiffs for Order permitting service of process by publication:

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to MCR 2.105(f) and MCR 2.106,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion is GRANTED. Alternate substitute service by publication shall be made as provided below.

TO: Clarence Willis Baughn and Bernice E. Baughn, husband and wife, of Grayling County and Livingston County, their heirs presently unknown, and Robert W. Seefeld, Sr. of Gardena County, California and Livingston County, as Survivor of Sarah Elizabeth Seefeld, Deceased, and his heirs presently unknown.

You are being sued by Plaintiffs in the above-identified Court in an action seeking to quiet title to real property located in Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, known as Lot 7 extension parcel more fully described as: a parcel of land in the northwest 1/4, section 1, Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, described as follows: beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 7, Virginia Land, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, page 48, Washtenaw County Records,

thence southerly along the east line of Lot 7 as continued 40'; thence westerly on a line parallel to the southerly line of Lot 7 35.25' thence northerly 40' to the southwest corner of Lot 7; thence easterly along the southerly line of Lot 7 to the point of beginning.

You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in the above Court at the court address of 101 East Huron Street, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107, telephone number (734) 994-2507, on or before May 12, 2000.

If you fail to so respond, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this case.

The property described in this action is contiguous to the Plat of Virginia Land as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, page 48, Washtenaw County Records, as dedicated by Earl E. Baughn and Florence E. Baughn, husband and wife, as proprietors on April 3, 1925. All named Defendants are, upon information and belief, the known heirs to Earl and Florence Baughn who may possibly claim an interest on the land described through a chain of title leading back to the original plat proprietors.

Published: March 30, 2000
April 6, 2000
April 13, 2000

Hon. Donald E. Shelton Circuit Judge
Prepared by: Conlin, McKenney & Philbrick, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
By: Bradley J. McLampy (P34631)

-30-6-13

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles M. Baker a single man (original mortgagors) to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dba America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated January 27, 1999, and recorded on February 17, 1999 in Liber 474, on Page 440, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT AND 28/100 dollars (\$66,638.28)** including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on April 19, 2000.

Said premises are situated in city of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel No. 1: Beginning on the South line of Government Lot 4, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West and Easterly side of Grayling Avenue; thence North 10 Degrees West along Grayling Avenue 100.0 Feet; thence South 89 Degrees 14 Minutes East 200 Feet; thence South 10 Degrees East 100.0 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 14 Minutes West 200 Feet to point of beginning, and also the South 98.4 Feet of Lot 49 Oak Acres Park, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Parcel No. 2: Commencing 234.8 Feet West of the Northeast corner of Government Lot 1, Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 4 West; thence West 194.3 Feet on the Easterly side of Grayling Avenue, a street on the Easterly side of Grayling Park, a Subdivision of part of Government Lot 1; thence South 10 Degrees East along said Grayling Avenue, 179.2 Feet; thence South 86 Degrees 56 Minutes East 148.7 Feet, thence North 4 Degrees 32 Minutes East, 178.7 Feet to the point of beginning. Being part of Government Lot 1, Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 9, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200011836
Mustangs

-9-16-23-30-6

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce R. Amburgey, a married man (original mortgagors) to **Union Federal Savings Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee**, dated August 23, 1996, and recorded on August 27, 1996 in Liber 417, on Page 42-49, Crawford County Record, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the **Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation**, Assignee by an assignment dated September 4, 1996, which was recorded on March 5, 1997, in Liber 426, on Page 90, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY-THREE AND 69/100 dollars (\$63,073.69)**, including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on May 17, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 6, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200013514
Mustangs

-6-13-20-27-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Arthur Munsey a single man (original mortgagors)** to **Mortgage Acceptance Corporation, Mortgagee**, dated June 8, 1999, and recorded on June 25, 1999, in Liber 484, on Page 552, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the **Bank One National Association, as Trustee f/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee**, as assignee by an assignment dated June 8, 1999, which was recorded on December 20, 1999, in Liber 498, on Page 253, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 64/100 dollars (\$101,365.64)**, including interest at **11.300%** per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 7/1 and 1/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on May 3, 2000.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 25 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 23, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200012963
Panthers

-23-30-6-13-20

NOTICE TO REDEEM

TO: Douglas M. Duncan, Paula L. Duncan, James Salvati, Constance Salvati, Ottocor Corp. and Occupant, and all unknown, unascertained, undetermined, unborn heirs,

devises, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf, said individuals, being person indicated to have some interest in the land below described according to Crawford County records.

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land described:

TAKE NOTICE: Sale was lawfully made of the following described property for unpaid taxes on the property, and that the undersigned has title to the property under tax deed or deeds issued for the property. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this property within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the property is located, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons on commencing a civil action, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the property.

Description of land: State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Maple Forest, The W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 26 T28N R3W Cont 5 Acres.

Parcel Number 020-026-007-035-00
Delinquent Tax Year 1995
Year of Tax Sale 1998
Tax Sale No. 530
Amount Tax Deed Holder Paid 796.54
Amount necessary to redeem is \$1194.81 plus sheriff fees and publication costs, if any.
Name of Tax Deed Holder: Swan Family Ltd. and First Union.
Address: P.O. Box 309, Bradenton Beach, FL 34217
Date: 3/20/2000

-6-13-20-27

Legal Notice

Goodale's Mini Storage, 4602 Hanson St. Grayling, MI, 49738, will be selling the following units at auction on May 10, 2000 at 1 p.m.

Unit 54C rented to Jason Teddy contains Moped bike, sporting goods, tools, electronics, bed frame, books, clothing, lamp, camping equipment, tables and kitchen utensils.

Unit 83D rented to Tammy Brow contains miscellaneous furniture, clothing, kitchen utensils, fan, antenna, car seat, and air conditioner.

Unit 100D rented to J.L. Quaint contains a roll of foam, antique desk, row boat, mirrors, and dresser.

Unit 15E rented to Vonda Reynolds contains sporting goods, sports cards, games, holiday decorations, pet supplies, table, dresser, gun rack, vacuum, knick knacks, clothing, dishes, jewelry, picture frames, books.

Unit 20E rented to Ted Rondeau contains bike, television, wood chairs, computer printers, fan, exercise bike, slide projector and screen, tools, suitcases.

Unit 26E rented to Steven Pepsin contains a bed and television.

Unit 30E rented to Doug Wulhelm contains couch, golf clubs, television, radio, video games, Christmas tree and decorations, microwave, drop leaf table, bow and arrows.

Unit 67C rented to Joseph Fritz contains, washer and dryer, treadmill, water skis, compound bow, miscellaneous auto body parts, VCR, computer printer.

Unit 70C rented to Robert Schwalm contains Honda ATV, lawn trimmer, steel shelving, cross country skis, high chair, dresser, chairs, television, lights.

Terms: Cash at time of sale and removal within 24 hours or rent the unit.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Notice of Administration Independent Probate

File No. 00-6103-IE

Estate of **ELSIE G. ANDERSON**, 370-26-8053.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died 06/13/99. An instrument dated 1/18/84 has been admitted as the will of the decedent.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Colleen Dempz, 7200 River Ridge Rd., Canadian Lakes, MI 49346 or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Monte J. Burmeister, P48732
306 State St. P.O. Box 585
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-7114

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NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Please be advised the next regular monthly meeting of the Township Board will be held on Monday, April 10, 2000, at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the new Township Offices located at 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI (just north of 7 Mile Rd. and the Beaver Creek Fire Dept.).

Lee Riley,
Supervisor

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**Buying or
Selling,
Anything at
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- Check our
Classified
Section
Crawford County
Avalanche
348-6811**

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP TO HOST TRAFFIC ACCESS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

A comprehensive seminar discussing the need and methods of developing traffic access management plans will be held in the Grayling Township conference room on Monday, April 24, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tom Doyle, an MDOT planner, and Mark Wyckoff, of the Lansing based Planning and Zoning Center, will be the seminar leaders. Both are experts in the field of managing roads and traffic within a community developmental plan. Wyckoff recently developed and wrote a master plan for the City of Grayling and Grayling Township.

This seminar will be of interest to all persons involved in community planning, including planning commission members, zoning board members, township and city board members, developers, civic planning organizations, business organizations, recreational planners, and industrial, commercial and residential developers.

The cost of the seminar is \$5 to cover lunch expenses. Registration can be made by contacting Grayling Township at (517) 348-4361. Checks should be written to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

-6-13-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northern Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board has the following openings for board members:

Probate Judge
Prosecuting Attorney
Chief of Police
Media
Local Business Person

Interested parties residing or having a place of business in Otsego, Crawford or Cheboygan counties should send a letter stating qualifications to:

NMCAB Board Opening
P.O. Box 457
Gaylord, MI 49734

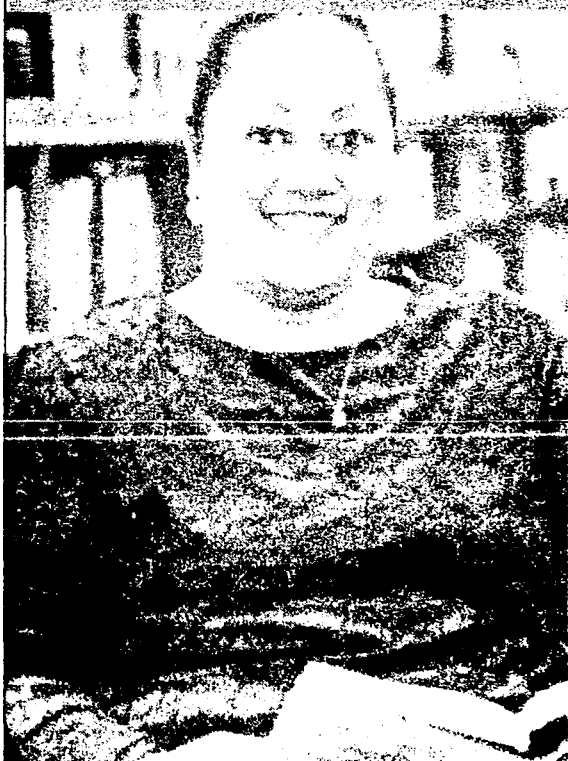
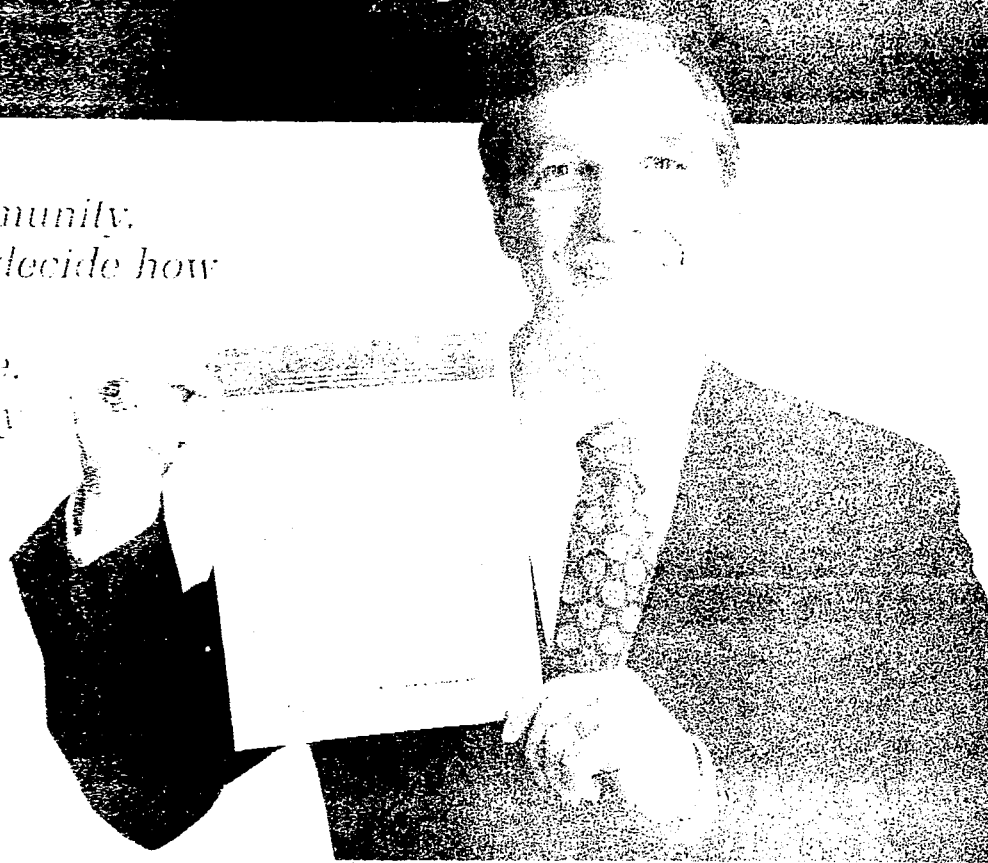
Letters must be received by April 19, 2000. All respondents considered equally.

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Let America Know What Michigan Needs... Fill Out The Form!

"It's not too late to make a true difference for your community. Please take a moment to fill out the census. It's used to decide how much money our communities receive for our schools. Education is not the only issue at stake. Child assistance, better housing, healthcare, senior programs, public safety and road funding are all impacted by the census. Your participation is very important. It's not too late to let America know what Michigan needs for a better future."

Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus



United States
**Census
2000**

**This is Your Future...
Don't Leave it Blank!**



**Census
2000**

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 9-15

Aries

March 21-April 20

People are depending on you to find a happy medium in an uncomfortable situation. Turn inward to help work through this situation. Rely on the comfort of friends when the going gets tough. Your energy can be used positively.

Taurus

April 21-May 21

Find new physical and emotional outlets to help you combat the stress you've been under recently. As you take on a new attitude concerning your stress, you'll find you can win over adversity. Keep in mind the number nine.

Gemini

May 22-June 21

As the week progresses, you'll find that you need more emotional contact with others. Their support will be vital to your progress. You may need to rely on your sense of humor to help get you through a family situation in one piece.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Spend some time with someone who really matters to you. You need to laugh about how funny life can be, and this is the person who can help you do that. The colors of a sunset will inspire you to solve a nagging problem.

Leo

July 23-August 23

Confidence is the word of the week. You will have the confidence to face an old, trying problem. You will gain the confidence to ask for what you thought was an impossible task. You will have the confidence to say "No!"

Virgo

August 24-September 22

Back off from your old routine and try to get your personal life in order. Think things through before you act. You have been wanting to make changes to improve your outlook on life, and now is the time to prove to yourself that you can do it.

Libra

September 23-October 23

Your concern for marital or partnership issues is well deserved. The relationship can be saved, but it will take some hard work. Don't make all the effort; it's a two-way street. But remember, your word is not always final.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

Take time to consider someone else's feelings and be aware of his/her emotional insecurities. You have been wrapped up in yourself recently, and your single-mindedness is starting to grate on another person's nerves.

Sagittarius

November 23-December 21

Draw on the ideas of some liberal-minded people to boost your creativity. You can succeed at something you love and break away from your trying, boring occupation. Before you make any long-term plans, talk them through with your partner.

Capricorn

December 22-January 20

Your consideration and sincerity will be very much appreciated this week. A friend is facing a tough situation, and you can be there for him/her. Take time to remember the good things. Don't listen to another person's ridicule.

Aquarius

January 21-February 18

You will find yourself surrounded by the color purple. Draw upon it to help you through some tough situations. Your independent spirit may get you in trouble with someone you thought you were close to. Rethink the relationship.

Pisces

February 19-March 20

Problems will arise, but you can handle them methodically, without panicking. Others will be counting on you. If you have to explain yourself, don't become defensive. But make sure to bring all the facts to the table.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Extra Fudgy Raspberry Swirl Bars

- 1 Cup real semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 Cup butter
- 1 Cup sugar
- 2 Teaspoons vanilla
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 Teaspoon salt
- 3 Tablespoons raspberry preserves

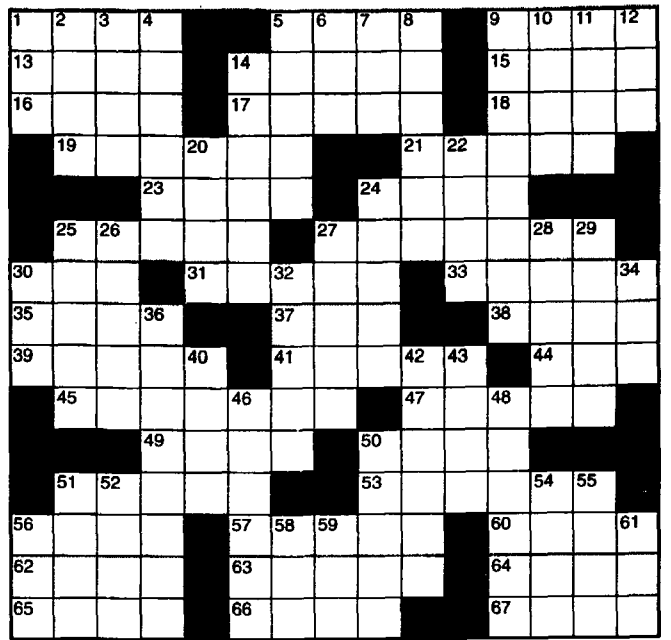
Heat oven 350 degrees. Melt chips and butter in 2-quart

saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, until smooth (5 to 8 minutes). Remove from heat; stir in sugar and vanilla. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add flour and salt; mix just until flour is moistened. Spread batter into greased 9-inch square baking pan. Drop spoonfuls of preserves on batter in the corners and edges of pan; gently pull knife through batter and preserves toward the center for swirled effect. DO NOT OVER SWIRL. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes and cool completely.



HOME NEEDED - Ginger is a shepherd/rottweiler spayed female that is two years old, housebroken and good with children. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Deadened
- 5. Sheep-herding tribe of the Southwest
- 9. Crow
- 13. Pre-Soviet ruler
- 14. Chips portrayer
- 15. Orphan who loved Rochester
- 16. ___ we go again!
- 17. ___ Gay
- 18. Banshee's cry
- 19. Indicate
- 21. Pork cuts
- 23. Treasurer's collection
- 24. Window frame
- 25. College gps.
- 27. Granted
- 30. I have: Fr.
- 31. Hackneyed
- 33. Trait carriers
- 35. Sated
- 37. Otto ___ Bismarck
- 38. Hat stand
- 39. Prepare for knighthood
- 41. Throws in a chip
- 44. Demure
- 45. Detrimental
- 47. Like a cad's promises
- 49. ___ soup yet? (2 wds.)

- 50. Real
- 51. Marshal Dillon and actor Dillon
- 53. American Indian home
- 56. Bonito's kin
- 57. Kermit, on *The Muppet Show*
- 60. Olden pronoun
- 62. Fracas
- 63. Cowboy, at work
- 64. Otic organs
- 65. River in Ireland
- 66. Fly-killing action
- 67. Invitation letters

DOWN

- 1. Ultimate degree
- 2. Pre-owned, in car lingo
- 3. Foal's parent
- 4. Dale Messick's heroine
- 5. Whets
- 6. Lennon's widow
- 7. O'Hara's Joey, e.g.
- 8. Slanted type
- 9. Throw into confusion
- 10. A *Bridge Too Far* author Cornelius
- 11. Onassis et al.
- 12. Thicken
- 14. Loathe
- 20. Pop flies, usually
- 22. Couturier Cassini
- 24. Smell
- 25. Flora and ___
- 26. In a snit
- 27. Abandoned
- 28. Portray
- 29. Sitting duck?
- 30. Before LBJ
- 32. Stop!, nautically
- 34. Light or write start
- 36. Do a magician's trick
- 40. In case
- 42. More spine-tingling
- 43. Contentedly self-confident
- 46. Those responding to an alarm
- 48. Tin alloy
- 50. Chirp
- 51. Naturalist John
- 52. Soon, poetically
- 54. Sounds of sudden insight
- 55. Game show creator Griffin
- 56. Three, to Luigi
- 58. Trim the lawn
- 59. Auditor: abbr.
- 61. Telepathy: abbr.

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 7, 1977

High winds, gusting to 50 miles per hour, and falling power lines smashed down trees and started at least ten fires in Crawford County last week. Dozens of trees were knocked into power lines and utility poles. The falling lines were breaking and sparking as they fell into the dry grass and pine needles on the ground. Local fire crews put out fires near the Holiday Inn and the Grayling Airport. The DNR worked on putting out fires northeast of Lovells, one of 40 acres and two other about 15-20 acres each. They were assisted by the Lovells Fire Department. There were also a number of smaller blazes.

Superintendent Fraser Dean defended the teachers in the local school system and challenged anyone to spell out exactly where money was being wasted in the local schools. He also blasted the state government for causing the tax problems felt locally. Dean said the school district can run on an austerity budget forever if you don't care about the quality of education you are given your children. "During the last two years we have had to cut staff and programs. If you keep this up, what you have in the end if not a very good school system. You lose all your school pride and morale, your buildings get run down, your reputation begins to decline and you lose your best staff. The best teachers are not going to sit forever without getting pay equal to what they can get elsewhere." Dean showed the ranking of the 15 largest northern Michigan school districts by average teachers' salaries and Grayling ranked 15th.

The Crawford County Ambulance service has now received two more automatic pagers through a generous donation from the now defunct Jaycees Chapter of Grayling.

46 Years Ago April 8, 1954

The Crawford County AFL Local 1487 sponsored a farewell banquet for Edwin S. Chalker, Clarence H. VanAmberg and Arthur F. Feldhauser who retired from the County Road Commission March 31, 1954. The banquet was held at Failing's Restaurant.

Saturday April 17 is going to be a Red Letter Day for Crawford County and its neighbors. The Grayling Womens' Club is attempting to bring Mr. and Mrs. Public and Mr. Merchant a little closer together. The Merchants are going all out to put on a real trade show in the high school gym. Let's quell all the rumors once and for all that Grayling is a "dead town" and "washed up." A town that can build a new school, a new church, a new bowling alley in a little over a year, with a new hospital and new school addition to come, is surely not "washed up." Let's make it the best town in the North.

The Michigan Senate last week joined the House in approving a bill requiring the state to pay Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego counties 10 cents an acre for all military reservation lands within each county's boundaries. This is in lieu of property taxes. In Crawford county approximately 25,000 acres will be taxable under this new bill if signed by Governor G. Mennen Williams.

69 Years Ago April 9, 1931

George Annis has been putting out some pretty nice maple syrup this season.

In the spring election Monday, the following were elected as supervisors: Grayling, A.J. Nelson, Beaver Creek, Arthur Skingley; Lovells, James E. Kellogg; South Branch, Sydney A. Dyer; Maple Forest, Rufus Edmonds. John Payne was an easy victor for County School Commissioner. Clarence Stillwagon in Lovells for Highway Commissioner. 656 votes were cast in Grayling Township.

Misses Faye Matheson and Clarice Welch who have been in Detroit for six months taking special nursing courses, have returned to Grayling to complete their training at Mercy Hospital Training School.

George Sorenson and family are enjoying a new Reo sedan; J.E. Kellogg of Lovells, a Buick; and Charles Barber and Ted Stephan new Fords.

At the recent council meeting the new president Charles O. McCullough, made the following appointments: President pro-tem A. L. Roberts; Village Marshall Albert DeFrain; Fire Chief and Warden A. J. Nelson; Street and Water Works Commissioner, Len Isenhauer; Water Rent Collector, Carl W. Peterson.

A surprise party was planned on Oscar Parsons of Maple Forest but the surprise fell on those who had planned it as Oscar and family decided it was a lovely evening to call on friends.

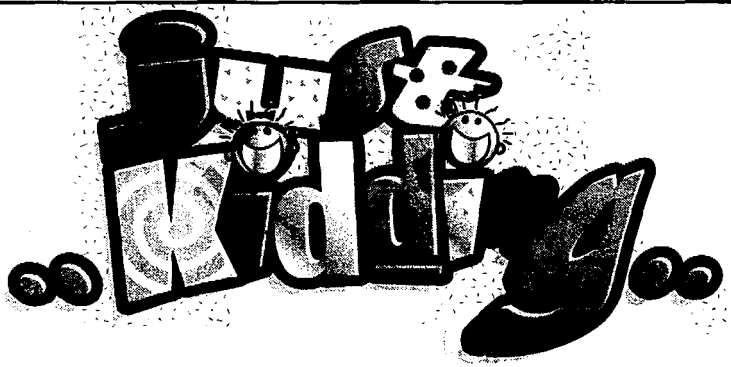
92 Years Ago April 9, 1908

Last Sunday we had the first real rain of the season and the thermometer registered 40 so that the snow and ice are nearly gone. Budded arbutus have been picked and have developed into flowers in the house. A few warm days are all that is needed for blooms.

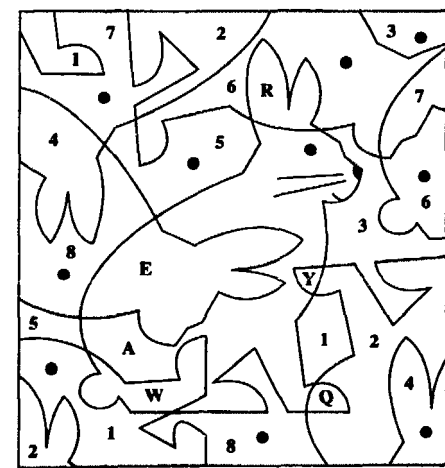
Wednesday night the armature at the electric light power house went to pieces without as much as asking leave. It leaves the village in darkness for a week or two and is an expensive break.

The City of Grayling will have an up-to-date moving picture show this summer. A Mr. Larsen was in town last week making arrangements with Mr. Bates manager of the opera house.

21,000 trout were planted in the North Branch and Big Creek at Lovells Tuesday.



HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

- ENVELOPES
- ERASER
- GLUE
- MARKER
- PAPER
- PAPER CLIP
- PEN
- PENCIL
- RUBBER BAND
- SCISSORS
- STAMPS
- STAPLER

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Precip.
3/28	48	30	0.10"
3/29	34	28	
3/30	48	16	
3/31	58	29	
4/1	53	33	0.01
4/2	59	31	
4/3	60	29	Trace

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather: Wednesday - cool and partly cloudy with a high near 50. Thursday - cool with broken clouds, a low near 40 and a high in the mid 50s. Friday - cloudy and cool with numerous showers, a low near 35 and a high in the upper 50s. Saturday - cloudy and cool with a chance of showers, a low in the upper 20s and a high in the mid 40s.

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1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE Available Fall 2000. Three year old contemporary home on 3.2 wooded acres with 187' frontage on upper AuSable River. 1,600 sq. ft. with 1,050 sq. ft. unfinished basement. Three bedroom, two bath, large deck with hot tub. Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, oak cabinets/trim, all new appliances, two car garage plus shed, close to town. Asking \$190,000. Serious inquiries only please to 517-348-7014. (-6-13-20-27/1)

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1. Real Estate

HOME FOR SALE 168 ft. AuSable River frontage, exceptional view. Three bedrooms, two bath, hot tub, two car garage. \$154,900 517-348-3141 (-6-13/1)

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2.(a) Want To Rent

WANTED TO RENT Retired couple desires house or cottage on Lake Margrethe June 15th - October 15th. Prefer area from Danish Landing to Guard Camp. 941-480-1036 CDMort@juno.com (-6-13/2a)

2.(a) Want To Rent

WANT TO RENT CABIN on Lake Margrethe for two to eight weeks this summer. No pets, references available. 317-590-8670 (LR6/8/00/2a)

2. For Rent

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$18,900 for two person household. Rent based on 30% of gross monthly income. Barrier free unit available. Call Sande 517-366-4475 or Mary Ann 888-576-6468 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (9/16/99tf/2)

CABIN FOR RENT Sleeps four, call 517-348-8350. (10/14/99tf/2)

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FURNISHED Non-smoking, two bedroom house with 1 1/2 car attached garage. Ideal for single person. On paved road 11 miles south of Grayling, close to Higgins Lake. No pets. Personal and employment references required. \$375 month plus security. 734-459-6641 (-6-13-20/2)

FOR RENT IN TOWN Two bedroom, \$400 month plus gas, deposit and references. 517-348-5560 (-6/2)

2. For Rent

NEW THREE BEDROOM Two bath with garage sitting on 2 1/2 acres. \$525 month plus utilities and security deposit. Available April 1st. 517-821-5995 (-30-6/2)

TWO BEDROOM RENTAL AVAILABLE near Lake Margrethe \$425 month plus \$425 security deposit. Call 517-348-5838. (3/30/00tf/2)

THREE OR FOUR BEDROOM apartment in Grayling. Appliances and water furnished. \$500 per month plus utilities. \$525 security deposit, one year lease. 517-348-4443 (-6-13/2)

COZY CABINS in wooded setting at Lost Acres. Year round living at affordable prices with showers and toilets. Cabin One now ready. \$250 Small, but affordable. Cabin Two is larger and features a bedroom, living room and kitchen/dining and is \$460 per month features new carpet and paint. All rents include appliances, heat and electric. Security deposit is \$150. No pets allowed. Located at Lost Acres two miles south of Waters at 11010 N. Old U.S. 27. Call Leo toll free at 877-227-6976 weekdays or weekends at 231-535-2169 or 231-499-5815. (-30-6-13-20/2)

2. For Rent

ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX on Brink St. Washer/dryer hook up. \$425 including utilities. 517-348-5230 (-6-13/2)

SPACIOUS, UPPER, ONE BEDROOM apartment in city. Includes: stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, blinds and curtains, carpeted throughout, ample closet and storage space. All utilities furnished including gas, electricity, water, expanded cable, trash collection and snow plowing. Responsible adult only. No children, non-smoking, no pets. \$500 per month, security deposit and references required. Phone 517-348-8993 for appointment or additional information. (-6-13/2)

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RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger in Roscommon has one and two bedroom units available. Rent based on income with limited subsidy. Applications at office on site or call 517-275-4061 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-16-23-30-6/2)

2. For Rent

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS 306 Knight Street in Grayling is updating the waiting list for one and two bedroom units. Persons must be 62 years or older, or handicapped and/or disabled of any age. Rent based on income with subsidy available. Barrier free apartment in building. Applications on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-16-23-30-6/2)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

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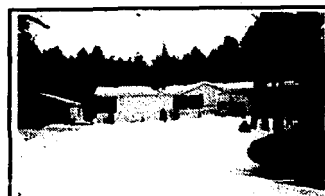
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ESTABLISHED BUSINESS - Income property, 1000 sq. ft. building, located on major highway between Grayling and Kaleva. Large building with high ceilings, open floor plan, and modern kitchen. Call 517-348-6481 for more information.

HIGH TRAFFIC AREA ON M-72 WEST - This building is currently being used for retail services but would make a great office building. Suitable for many uses and has large parking area. Call 517-348-6481 for more information.

THREE COMMERCIAL PARCELS - Parcel C-1 (Large Commercial Parcel) - 1.5 Acres - \$250,000. Parcel C-2 - \$250,000. Parcel C-3 - \$250,000.

THREE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES - All three parcels are 1/2 acre each, located on I-75. Property located both near Loop and back street. Owner will consider selling parcels. Call 517-348-6481 for more information.



NEWER 3 BEDROOM HOME SITUATED ON 5 ACRES. Features include, vaulted ceilings open floor plan, large basement, family room w/wood stove, huge garage, on a county maintained paved road. \$112,900 MLS# 490



LOW MAINTENANCE FREE HOME ON 2.5 ACRES. State land across the road, paved county maintained road, full basement and a garage fit for a king. This garage offers a Cedar Sauna, storage room, finished, heated, extra lighting, multiple entrances and much more! A must see/includes a home warranty! \$112,000 MLS# 836



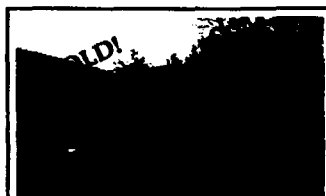
CONTEMPORARY CUSTOM HOME. Amenities include: finished basement with woodstove, heated tile floors, recessed lighting, 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 car garage, new carpeting, paved driveway, log fencing, dog kennel, full appliances, located on 2.3 acres. Priced below appraised value! Home Warranty! \$130,900 99-3054



RARE FIND - 220' frontage on the "AuSable River Holy Waters". Manufactured 3 bedroom home sitting on 10 acres. Beautiful inside and out! Priced to sell. \$149,500 MLS# 339



1.25 ACRES ON AU SABLE RIVER. Features include: 3 bedrooms-including master suite, birch cupboards, Pergo floor in kitchen & hall, appliances, cedar lined closets, decks & wood walkway vinyl siding, how window, full basement, pole barn w/heat. This home is situated on 1.25 acres. A MUST SEE! \$235,999 MLS# 9-4055



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Above the Crowd!

*Based on publicly available information and on an audit by Arthur Andersen of 1997 RE/MAX residential real estate transaction sides in North America only.

BEAUTIFUL NEW MODERN HOME IN THE CITY! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1120 sq. ft., cedar cathedral ceilings in living room, dining and kitchen area. Kitchen has oak cabinets, island bar and sink. Oak floors throughout, oak trim and solid oak doors, custom fitted venetian blinds, paved drive and walkways. Front door has side light window, slate at entry doors, distressed wood porches and cement decks. Maintenance free vinyl siding and large carefree insulated windows. Many more features. \$125,000 CS-963

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1. Real Estate



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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

COOK - WAIT STAFF - Pro Shop Personnel. Must be available to work nights and weekends. Apply at Grayling Country Club. (-6-13/3)

HILLTOP MANOR Health Care Center has an opening for a part-time afternoon dietary aide. This position's duties include but are not limited to serving food, dishwashing, and general kitchen cleaning. If you are interested in joining our winning team, please come and fill out an application at 1290 East Michigan Highway, Roscommon, MI 48653. (-30-6/3)

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WANTED: ACCOUNTING CLERK for a Grayling Credit Union: computer knowledge including word processing and spreadsheets, good communication skills and reconciliation skills required, accounting background and knowledge of CUP data processing system a plus. Fax resume to 517-348-1838 Attn: Accounting. (-30-6/3)

3. Employment

DIETARY AIDE Mercy Hospital in Grayling is seeking a dietary aide to work 16 hours per pay period on alternate weekends. Perform a wide variety of duties to prepare and serve food to patients, employees and visitors. High school graduate or equivalent. Must be able to stand for long periods of time and lift equipment and supplies weighing up to 35 lbs. Interested persons please contact Human Resources; Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 or call 517-348-0528. (-6/3)

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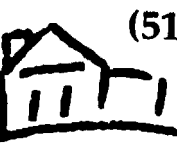
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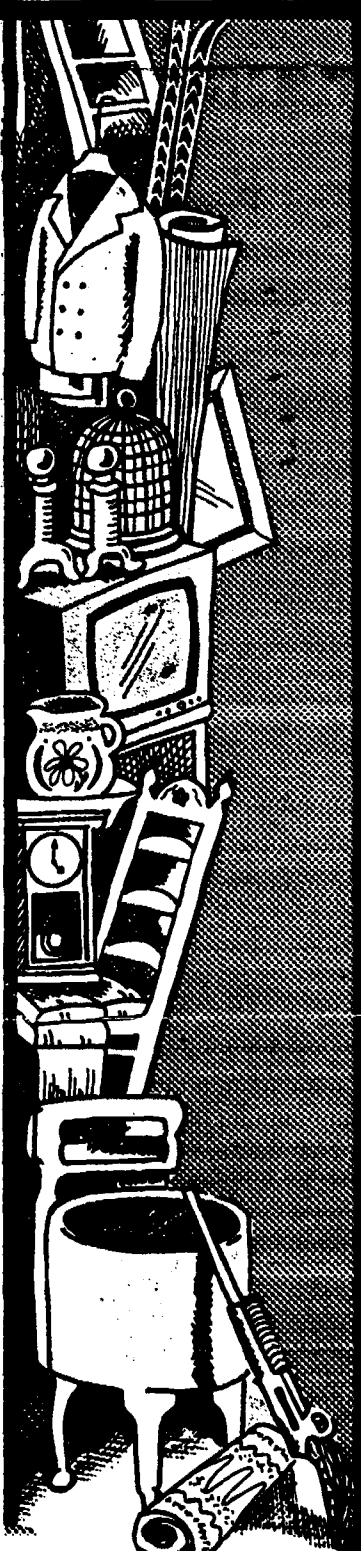
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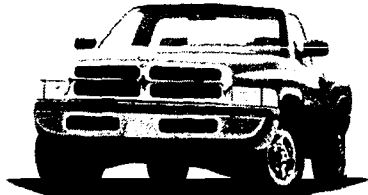


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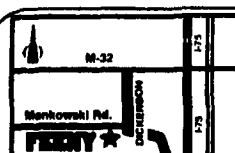
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